

The NICU wants blankets to cover incubators (isolettes) like the one shown below.

The blankets will help keep the isolette darker and quieter. When babies progress they may be moved to cribs and the blankets can be used there also. To protect the babies, the blankets are heavily washed and do wear out. Four new blankets per month were requested.



Here are specifics:

- Blankets should have a finished size of 36" x 48" to fully cover the isolettes.
- One side should be flannel and the other size should be a minky or ultra fluffy type fabric(no fleece).
- There is no batting.
- *You can piece both front and back in any pattern if you want.*
- You need to wash the two sides separately before you quilt them together, because the flannel will shrink and the minky is polyester and should not.
- They need to be "quilted" together but it can be simple vertical seam every 9 inches.

If you want, one quick pattern has 8 rows and 4 columns of finished squares 6" x 9" (pictured above):

- Wash 30" each of two different flannels (42" wide). Stitch raw edges before washing to save fabric.
- Cut four 6.5" strips of each flannel.
- Sew the strips together alternating the two different flannels.
- Cut vertically four 9.5" strips.
- Flip two vertical strips end for end and sew together to make a "checkerboard".
- Sew top to backing (39" x 51") along edge and the horizontal seams; fold minky over twice to make binding.

For any questions, ask Linda S.