

67 Blankets

for Nelson Mandela Day

BE A KNITWIT FOR MADIBA!

Join the "Good Wool" UKZN drive of pledging to keep thousands of people warm this winter with each blanket we produce... stitch by stitch!

In 2016, the College of Law and Management Studies joined the 67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela Day national initiative to benefit those in need. The College Project has been working hard to complete 67 large blankets by the end of June 2017 – square by square. Be challenged as an individual or part of a team to make your blanket.

Come learn how to crochet or knit a square!

To get you started, UKZN will be hosting learning sessions from 13h00 to 14h00 at all UKZN campus libraries:

Main Library, Westville Campus: 26 May 2017

EG Malherbe Library, Howard College Campus: 29 May 2017

Edgewood Campus Library: 30 May 2017

Medical School Campus Library: 31 May 2017

Cecil Renaud Library, PMB Campus: 1 June 2017

Be one of the first 10 to arrive at one of the above sessions and get yourself a cool starter pack that includes all you will need to get going.

Things to note:

- Blanket must measure: 140 x 180 cm (55 x 70 inches), comprising 60 squares which are 20 x 20 cm (8 x 8 inches) in size
- Visit the official website: <http://www.67blankets.co.za/> - click on the FAQ for more information or stay connected to the official Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/67blankets/>
- YouTube offers fun and easy tutorials to get you started
- Donate yarn hooks or needles at any of our UKZN library foyers (above) or contact the UKZN team to submit your complete square/s. Please be sure to complete the wish list register at each library when donating.

For more information or queries, please contact: Rakshika Sibran at sibran@ukzn.ac.za or Shakila Thakurpersad at thakurpersads@ukzn.ac.za

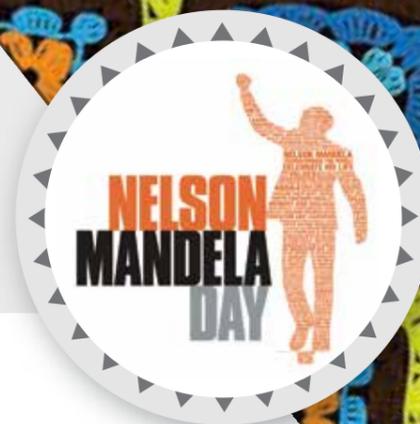


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Aim: Mandela Day is an annual international day in honour of Nelson Mandela, celebrated each year on 18th July, Mandela's birthday. The day was officially declared by the United Nations in 2009. In support of the national initiative of 67 blankets for Nelson Mandela Day, the UKZN community has joined the call to action from the College of Law and Management Studies who initiated support for the project at UKZN.

Rationale: Conceived in December 2013, this (now) international "movement", was a challenge from Zelda la Grange (late former President Nelson Mandela's assistant) to philanthropist and "Arts Angel", Carolyn Steyn... the purpose was to knit, sew or crochet 67 blankets to be distributed to those in need on Mandela Day.

To achieve this challenge, Steyn called on friends and relatives for assistance and developed a Facebook group called "67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela Day". This garnered support from hundreds of people in days when pledges began streaming in.

Milestones of the national campaign:

- Nine months after inception, 67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela Day won CAMPAIGN OF THE YEAR (South African of the Year Awards, October 2014).
- In April 21, 2015, to mark 21 years of democracy in South Africa, 67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela Day smashed the Guinness World Record for the "The Largest Crochet Blanket in the World" measuring 3 377 square meters at the Union Buildings in Pretoria.
- On August 7, 2015 Carolyn Steyn signed an MOU with National Commissioner, Zach Modise, formalising a partnership between 67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela Day and the Department of Correctional Services whereby every prison in South Africa will have the initiative introduced as part of their curriculum.

UKZN Participation:

In 2016, the College of Law and Management Studies joined the 67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela Day to benefit those in need in South Africa and abroad. The College project has been working hard to complete 67 large blankets by the end of June 2017. This project has been led by College Director of Professional Services, Dr Kathy Cleland and College Journalist, Ms Thandiwe Jumo.

Call to action: The team are nearly halfway through but need University wide support to achieve their target. The UKZN community are being called upon to show their support.

Staff are encouraged to dedicate some of their spare time – including lunch hours – to take up the challenge of knitting, sewing or crocheting a square... which will invariably add to the big picture. Staff will be encouraged to devise as groups, Units, Schools or Colleges to congregate, and learn this therapeutic art and craft. Staff and students of UKZN, who are especially skilled are encouraged to lead others and share their knowledge.

The project culminates in the handover of, ideally, 67 blankets to the organisation.
In turn, they help keep those in need much warmer this winter.

TAKE PART NOW!

For more details on how you can participate in this warming initiative, you can refer to the accompanying notice.



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