

## How to make a memorial square

Below is a template for you to print and use to help you create the inside portion of your memorial square.

### Template

#### Please note:

- The memorial square should be cut as an eight-inch square; however, your art work and design should be confined within a seven-inch square (as demonstrated by the purple square). The remaining one-inch border around your seven-inch design is used by the Gift of Hope seamstress to attach your memorial square to the quilt panel.
- It's very important that the memorial square meets size regulations so it can be included in the quilt without difficulty. If a memorial square does not meet requirements, it may be returned.
- It is preferable to use cotton as your material, however, any fabric color is acceptable.
- Do not "finish" the memorial square with quilting or backing.
- Sew everything securely and avoid using glue, as it may dry out over time.

## Helpful hints for making your memorial square

- You may wish to incorporate sentimental materials such as baby blankets, high school jackets, ties or favorite sweaters or shirts.
- Crayons, paint, permanent markers and thread may be used to design the memorial square.
- The memorial square may also be adorned with photographs, poems, quotes and symbols, as well as names and dates. To include photographs on the square, either laminate them or have a copy shop transfer them directly onto the fabric.
  - Please note, if photographs are used, they must be heat-resistant.
- Take a picture of the memorial square before sending it to Gift of Hope so you will always remember your design
- If you wish to create a memorial square, but you are unsure of what to do, ask friends and relatives for input and help.
- Please consider submitting a story about your loved one to accompany the memorial square.