

ABW 2023 Home Mission Project

Dignity Bibs for Nursing Homes

It is time to get creative!

Atlantic Baptist Women are going to make or purchase adult bibs or aprons for nursing homes as the ABW 2023 Home Mission Project. Sometimes these items are referred to as “dignity bibs” because they are designed to protect clothing from mealtime mishaps while providing dignity to the wearer by not looking like traditional bibs.

There are many seniors’ homes in our various communities. Some of the residents may even be former members of an ABW group from your church. We would like to be able to bless these residents with dignity bibs or aprons. If you have crafty people in your Woman’s Missionary

Society or ABW group, this could be a fun group activity. Involve other sewers in your church family who might like to take part or donate supplies to the project. Think along the lines of seasonal patterns, feminine or masculine fabrics, even fun cartoon characters. One director of a nursing home suggested that the bibs be long enough to cover the lap. Please ensure that the bibs are washable and that the backing is liquid repellent.

There are many patterns and ideas on the Internet (check Pinterest). Remember sewing with Simplicity patterns? They have a pattern! Go to your local fabric store and look for Simplicity pattern #2687. No sewers in your group? Consider collecting gift cards so that a seniors’

home of your choice can purchase bibs or other needed items.

We would like to see your creations.

Please forward pictures to *Tidings Magazine* (tidingsed@gmail.com) or send them by mail to *Tidings Magazine* (see address on page 2 of a print issue)

Photos submitted may be used in the magazine or on ABW’s social media platforms.

Also, please send a record of the number of bibs/aprons sewn and the home to which your donation was made to the ABW Home Missions Coordinator sweetje@xcountry.tv



Front: soft and durable fabric



Back: water repellent fabric

These sample pictures (provided by an Atlantic-area nursing home) show a style of dignity bib frequently used in care situations to protect a resident’s garments.

This bib/apron measures 16" (40.6 cms) wide by 32" (81.3 cms) long.