

Stitch your support for a wounded soldier.

A thinking-outside-the-sewing-box moment moved Sew Much Comfort founder, Ginger Doesedel, to start a volunteer organization that alters clothing for wounded soldiers.

After altering pants for her son, who required a fixator (large, metal halo) around his leg while it healed, Ginger thought the same pants would work for soldiers faced with similar physical limitations. From there, other needs were met, such as altering clothing for amputees and victims of burns or gunshot wounds.

"Our mission is to provide soldiers with comfortable clothing, which allows them more independence and dignity as they recuperate," says Michelle Cuppy, Sew Much Comfort president. A core group of volunteers have been stitching boxers, shirts and pants from altered patterns, or modifying ready-to-wear garments.

Sew Much Comfort's goal is to provide seven pairs of boxers, two pairs of shorts, two pairs of dress pants, two pairs of lounge pants and, if arm injuries exist, two polo shirts and four T-shirts to each soldier.

Five hospitals are currently receiving the clothes but, says Michele, "We've only touched the surface of soldiers that are in need of our adaptive clothing."

How you can help: Non-sewers and seamstresses alike can volunteer for Sew Much Comfort. The organization needs assistance with everything from cutting out patterns to donating and/or altering ready-to-wear sweatshirts, long-sleeve T-shirts, polo shirts and boxer shorts. Fabric and monetary donations are also welcome. The monies are used for purchasing notions and fabric and for shipping costs.

For more information, visit www.sewmuchcomfort.org; e-mail Michele Cuppy at michele@sewmuchcomfort.org, Ginger Doesedel at ginger@sewmuchcomfort.org or DeDee Galligan at debra@sewmuchcomfort.org; or call (952) 431-6233. ➤



(Top) A young friend visits a U.S. Marine who was given altered boxers, shorts and pants to wear as he recovers from a left leg amputation and awaits the removal of the fixator on his right leg.

(Bottom) An Army captain with an amputated lower right leg wears altered shorts. He's pictured with Sew Much Comfort founder, Ginger Doesedel.

Adaptive clothing provides dignity for recuperating soldiers.

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