

Blanketing Kids with Care

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Lucy Blaylock, age 12, puts smiles on the faces of kids who are going through a hard time—and keeps the kids cuddly warm too. She sews blankets for children who are dealing with some kind of challenge, such as being sick, feeling lonely, losing a family member, or being bullied.

Lucy got the idea when she was eight. She had just learned to sew and made a blanket as a gift for her friend's birthday. "She loved it," Lucy says. "So I thought maybe other kids might need that little extra love."

"Everyone can do something. Even the smallest act of kindness counts. It can change lives."

Her mom posted on social media that Lucy wanted to make a blanket for someone who needed care. They asked for suggestions. When 20 recommendations came in, Lucy didn't want to choose just one. She filled all of the requests! Since then, she has made more than 800 blankets for kids in 19 countries.

Her favorite part is learning about each child. "I love hearing their stories and getting to know them," she says.

She tries to match the fabric and pattern to the child's interests. Then she heads to her sewing machine.



Lucy sews each personalized blanket in about three hours.

On each of her creations, Lucy adds a hand-sewn heart. "That's to let whoever gets the blanket know they are loved," she says.

Many kids who've received a blanket keep in touch with Lucy. She now has friends all over the world. "I love knowing that I can make a difference," Lucy says.

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Lucy's Favorites



Books

"I like a lot of them!"

School subject
ELA/English



Food
Salmon

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