

Here's what you will need:

1. People---4 or more would be a nice start
2. Space---the equivalent of 2-6 foot tables, chairs
(Maybe you could have the first couple in your home.)
3. Washed Fabric---must be 100% cotton and a color that blends with their sand camouflage uniforms---may be a print(usually sewn so that the printed side is on the inside)---may be a solid and dyed with tea or Rit---dye it unevenly to blend in better
4. Scissors, but a Rotary Cutter and mat would be nice
5. Sewing machines
6. Thread
7. Handy Dandy Turner (made from light weight PVC pipe, the top of a plastic bottle, and a dowel rod or PVC water supply pipe)
8. Ironing board
9. Iron
10. Water Absorbing Crystals (the cheapest are from www.watersorb.com)
11. A measuring Teaspoon and a bowl for the crystals
12. "Zip-Lock" bags (**snack**, sandwich, or quart sizes)
13. Pre-printed and cut copies of the insert printed front and back
14. Flat Rate boxes from the P.O. for shipping
15. Tape (your local P.O. might supply) and address labels
16. White customs forms (P.O. does supply---be sure to get the white not the green)
17. An Address to ship to---someone you know who is in the Middle East or email TheHugsProject@cox.net for an address

How to set it up:

1. Ask each person who sews to bring a sewing machine and "sand" colored thread (any color can be used for the first stitchings, but "sand" for the finish work)
2. Ask them to fill a couple extra bobbins before they arrive
3. Each person brings a sack lunch and a couple of drinks
4. Plan to work 4 - 7 hours

Advance work that makes your Hug more productive

1. Have material pre-washed and cut (or torn) into strips that are 5" by 44-45"
2. If someone has the time, they can sew some fabric into tubes
3. Make up some flyers to advertise your event
4. Contact the media to advertise your event
5. Make a couple posters to direct people to your location on the day of the event---post them in the street and/or building

If you will join the Yahoo group, you will find a wealth of information within our online files. You can join here...

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TheHugsProject/>