



## BEDS FOR THE HOMELESS

Thank you for your interest in being a part of the Bags for Beds outreach project for our homeless neighbors. The beds are intended to allow the user to place their blanket on top of the bed to allow for warmth, padding, and dryness.

### Supplies Needed:

- Scissors
- 10mm or large crochet hook
- Plastic bags (grocery, dry cleaning, etc.) (500-700 per mat)

### Crochet Ball Instructions:

1. Flatten plastic bag
2. Fold in half lengthwise and fold in half again lengthwise
3. Cut strips 3 inches in width (about 3 fingers wide) (strips should be less wide for thicker bags)
4. Cut off bottom seam and handles (recycle)
5. Open strips and tie as shown in picture below. Tip: Hold the knot last tied when tying the next strip to reduce the chances of strips being unevenly tied.
  - a. Pick up two rings
  - b. Loop one end through the other
  - c. Loop end of the second ring through itself
  - d. Pull tight without breaking
  - e. Repeat steps adding on to the first string
6. Roll the tied strips into a large ball by starting it around your fingers.



### Crochet Instructions:

1. Crochet loose rings with generous space between loops
2. Make an extra turning chain at the end of the bed
3. Go back into third loop to make next row
4. Bed should be 3 feet wide by 6 feet long

\*Beds should be rolled and can be tied with yarn or crochet ties.