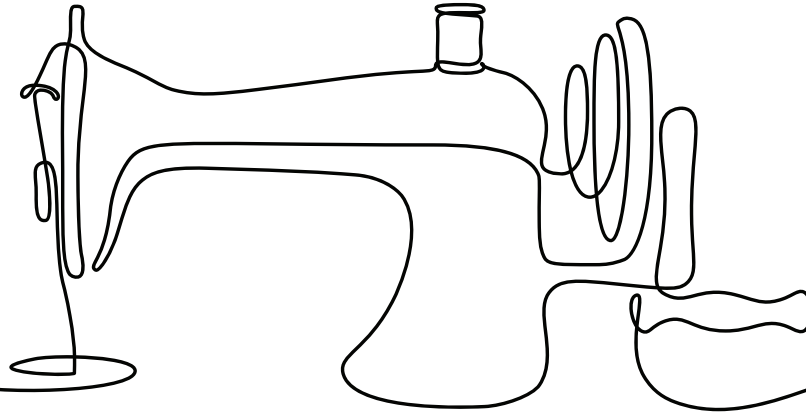


Sew, you'd like to do a good deed.



Help Turn Surgical Wraps into Ground Cover Mats

Cooper is looking for volunteers to sew ground cover mats.

Cooper University Health Care has providers who perform dozens of surgical procedures every day.

Each surgery requires sterilized instruments rolled in a large plastic wrap (surgical wraps). Once inside the operating room (OR), the wrap is unrolled and the surgical instruments are removed and readied for the procedure. The instruments are re-sterilized and reused. Although the plastic wraps remain clean – they are removed from the OR prior to the procedure and do not come into contact with patients – they cannot be reused and must be placed in the trash. This results in thousands of surgical wraps heading to a landfill every month.

Cooper volunteers have been working with the Department of Anesthesiology to upcycle these OR surgical wraps into mats that provide ground cover for individuals experiencing homelessness.



Here is how you can make a difference:

Two wraps are sandwiched and sewn together to make a mat, with two elastic loops on one end to roll it up. Once they complete the mats, volunteers drop them off at Cathedral Kitchen, where they are distributed to anyone who may need protection from the elements.

Here is a link to a how-to video developed by volunteers at a Los Angeles-based initiative called the du COeuR Project, where we got the idea.

[Click Here to view the Instructional Video](#)

Or, type in this address:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RV6lzSAOUg>

Let's get started...

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