

Specifications and Instructions

Bandages

(Custom value \$.05 each)

Material should be lightweight, smooth, soft and absorbent. Old cotton, linen or polyester perma-press sheets, pillowcases and tablecloths with no holes, patches or stains are recommended. Sheets with a small amount of polyester may also be used. Any color of sheet, with or without patterns, is acceptable. Avoid flannel, however, which is too bulky and difficult to rip.

Remove all hems and selvages.

Tear lengthwise into strips 2" to 5" wide (5cm to 13cm). Strips of the same width are sewn together to make bandages from 3 to 5 yards long (2.10m to 4.10m). The strips are sewn together with ends overlapping 1" (2.5 cm) securely sewn by hand or machine. The joined ends should not have any folds or tucks.

Roll the strips as tightly as possible. This can be accomplished by hand (a pencil is a simple tool that can be used) or a bandage-rolling machine. The pattern may be downloaded from the Women Ministries website under Global Ministry (www.covchurch.org/women).

Finished rolls can be **fastened** with safety pins, rubber bands or 1/4" selvedge.

Pack bandage rolls of the same width together in a plastic bag and then into a strong and well-taped box. Weigh contents of each box. Do not seal until the list of contents has been completed. The Rip 'N Roll brochures now include an insert with complete instructions to prepare and ship bandages. Free copies are available from the Women Ministries office.