



# Host a Good Neighbor Day

## Idea Guide

National Good Neighbor Day is on September 28th, but we don't have to wait until fall to celebrate the sentiment. Throw your own "Good Neighbor Day" now! Dedicate one whole day or a few hours to being a good neighbor in your community. Here are a few ideas of how to celebrate:

### Throw a surprise pizza party for others!

- Order pizza to be delivered to healthcare workers at the local hospital
- Order pizza for a local fire department
- Create a party kit and deliver pizza to your school for your educators (if meeting in-person)



### Leave sweet treats for neighbors!

- Have a cookie baking party (in-person or virtual)
- Leave baked goods on the door-steps of your neighborhood
- Donate baked goods to homeless feeding programs
- Take baked goods to police precincts
- Take baked goods to local doctor's offices



### Participate in service to your community!

- Have a donation drive for cold weather kits
- Host your own "Warm up your community" activity
- Shop for items for a Welcome Home basket and deliver it to Room In The Inn
- Offer to remove down branches from trees or assist in other yard work items for a neighbor



### Be a good neighbor by being a good friend!

- Send notes of encouragement to a friend
- Bless neighbors with gift cards to a local coffee shop
- Offer to pick up a grocery order for elderly members of your neighborhood or faith congregation
- Call a friend that you haven't talked to in a while



# Warm Up Your Neighborhood

## “How To” Guide

“Warm Up Your Neighborhood” is a practical way to be a good neighbor in your community. It begins with a material drive and ends with you and some friends going around your community to distribute items on lamp posts, tree branches, and sidewalk benches.

### Shopping list:

- Paper
- Note cards
- Ribbon or string
- Gloves
- Cold weather hat
- Scarf
- Hand warmers



### Assembling and distributing:

- Sort items by type into piles
- Create an assembly line
- Write notes that say something like:  
*“I AM NOT LOST! If you are cold, please take this (scarf/hat/gloves/hand warmers) to keep warm.”*
- Attach notes to items with ribbon or string
- Map out a section of your community to distribute
- Go! Go in groups to leave scarves, hats, gloves and hand warmers on lamp posts, tree branches, and sidewalk benches.
- Take pictures, post to social media and tag Room In The Inn— #loveyourneighborhood #roomintheinn



### Optional Ideas:

- Add an encouraging message to your notes
- Throw a party to make assembly and distribution more fun
- Make “no sew” scarves instead of buying scarves
- Engage other groups in your community— get the knitting club to make scarves and hats; get the younger kids to draw pictures on the note cards

## No Sew Scarves

### “How To” Guide

Giving the gift of a warm scarf can be a great blessing to someone on a cold day. Most of the time when we picture giving a scarf to someone it usually comes from a purchase at the department store or from someone who is skilled at knitting, but giving someone a handmade scarf does not require knitting or crocheting skills. You can give someone a “no sew” scarf and it’s just as warm as the expensive department store scarves or the time consuming well knit scarves.

#### Shopping list:

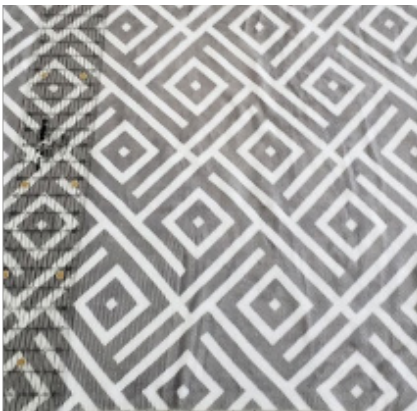
- Scissors
- 1.5 yards of fleece fabric



#### Instructions:

1. Begin by laying the fabric out on a flat surface.
2. Cut fabric 8–10in. wide. Adjust the width to your preference.
3. Take cut fabric and lay it flat to begin cutting the fringe on the ends.
4. Cut ends into 3in. long, 1 in. (or less) wide strips. Adjust the size of the strips to your preference.
5. Finish the fringe by tying knots into each strip. Tie the strip into itself, loop, and pull.
6. Repeat on the other end.

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