The proposed border wall between the US and Mexico is 1,989 miles. Imagine that distance re-conceptualized and re-contextualized: Instead of a concrete line to keep people out, what if lines of yarn became 3,500,640 yards of individual blankets to welcome people in?

Join us and make a welcome blanket for a new immigrant to the United States. Let’s build a project of inclusion together!

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If you wish to share your contact info please do so on the back. It's an opportunity for the person who receives blanket to thank you. (We will not publish it- it's on the back!)

1. Make a blanket (or 2, or 3)! Make it something you would like to receive, and about 40”X 40”
2. Write a Welcome Note!
3. Get blanket/note (by August 20) to:
   Welcome Blanket c/o Smart Museum
   5550 S Greenwood Ave
   Chicago, IL 60637
4. Visit the Welcome Blanket Show starting July 2017 in person or online (WelcomeBlanket.org)!
5. Keep in touch + spread the word! After the show the blankets and notes will be distributed to refugee resettlement agencies. (Sign up on website for updates).

HOW IT WORKS

“Come Together Blanket” 40”X40” LAP blanket
Materials: Universal Yarn Deluxe Bulky Superwash (100% Superwash Wool; 106 yd/97m per 3.5oz/100g)
MC: #936, CC: #934, 6 skeins each
Needles: US 11/8 mm straight (or size needed to achieve gauge)
Notions: tapestry needle
Gauge: 12 sts and 24 rows = 4” in Garter Stitch

1) With MC, CO 2sts
Row 1: K1, inc 1 (with backward loop), k to end.
Rep Row 1, to 46 sts (or 10” measured along right edge).
Break Yarn / join CC.
Next Row: K1, k2tog, k to end.
Rep last row until 2 sts remain.
Next Row: K2tog. Fasten off.
Finishing: Arrange squares and whipstitch together
Neatly weave in loose ends.

Dear Receiver of this blanket:
This blanket was made by ______________________ ____________________
Name: ___________________________ City, State: ___________________________
This is my family’s immigration story: ________
My words of welcome and advice about living in the United States: ________

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