

MRT CORNER

Crochet Class

Janette Adcock: As I woke up this morning and went downstairs to start my day there were 4 ladies sitting at the table talking and crocheting. This made me smile and realize how lucky we ladies are in MRT to have volunteers from our community to take time to come here to teach us how to crochet. I learned to crochet just a few months ago, and, in a few months, I learned to single stitch, double



stitch, half double, granny square, suzette stitch, half double stitch through the back loop, and the stitch we call the cam bam named after the stitch Camryn Hunter taught us just before she was shipped the prison. I have learned to crochet blankets, lap blankets, fingerless gloves, wash clothes, pot holders, purses, and a bunch more. We have donated several lap blankets, scarfs, etc. to the people in the community. Crocheting has really brought us together in a way I believe has been lost over the years. I feel truly blessed to have learned this craft to carry forward with me once I leave. Thank you.



Jamie Ryan: The week of my birthday my friend Candy returned from class with an amazing camouflage blanket that was half way completed by 90-year-old women who wanted any one to complete it. It included the blank in a box with all the yarn and the needle she



used. Guess what stitch? Corner to Corner stitch. I was honored to be the person that was able to finish it for her. I couldn't help but think what a unique blanket a stitch taught to me by Patricia Sylvester.

Trina Leonard: Crochet is truly an amazing class! I never thought I would be able to make things crochet has taught me to make. I have crochet blankets and donated them. It feels good to make something with my hands and pass it down to brighten someone's day. I have found meaning inside the walls of Bedford County Jail. I have found a calling, and it all started with some yarn and a needle. Thank you, Ronnie Prince, and everyone who made this program possible.



MRT Praise *By Diamond Walker*

Since joining MRT I've become a more spiritual person. I've always had a relationship with God, but attending 10 Bible based classes, I've grown a closer relationship with the Lord. I can truly say I believe and have faith in this program. The time I've spent here so far has been very outstanding. It has taught me a lot about myself and also it has taught me to open up about my past. When I told my testimony it gave me a sense of freedom. Getting things off my chest, having someone listen without judgement, and knowing I have a good support system here gives me hope for when I leave here. Getting my sobriety under control means so much to me. I want to thank Lt. Cook for giving me a second chance.