Also include a letter and/or a photograph of the person for whom the panel is being made for. In the letter, you can include a biography about the person, share interesting stories or even include some reasons for creating the panel. This information will be included in our Archives.

When the panel is finished, pack it up and ship it to:

The NAMES Project Foundation

117 Luckie Street NW
Atlanta, GA 30303
ATTN: New Panels

We are a non-profit and depend on the support of our panel makers to help preserve the Quilt and keep it on display so any donation is much appreciated.

If you need help, feel free to call 404.688.5500 or email info@aidsquilt.org

You do not need to be an artist or know how to sew to create a moving, personal tribute. Whether you choose to paint on a bed sheet or sew elaborate embroidery is up to you – any remembrance is appropriate.

You may choose to create a panel privately as a personal memorial to someone you’ve loved, but we encourage you to follow the traditions of old-fashioned sewing and quilting bees by including friends, family and co-workers in the panel making process.
Assembling a Panel

A panel can be designed to be vertical or horizontal. Here are some techniques that are consistently used when putting together a panel.

Applique: Sew fabric, letters and small mementos onto the background. Avoid glue if you can as it will not last on fabric.

Paint: Brush on textile paint or colorfast dye or use a permanent marker. Spray paint also works. Do not use "puff" paint as it can stick and ruin other panels after it is folded up.

Designing a Panel

When designing a panel, remember that the Quilt will be folded and unfolded many times, so durability of design and materials used are crucial to the panel’s longevity.

Include the name of the friend or loved one you are remembering on the panel. Please note that a panel can be created to remember a group of more than one person. Feel free to include additional information such as the dates and places of birth and death.

Size and Background Material

The size of a completed panel is 3' x 6'. Since panels are sewn together, it is recommended to have at least a ½" around the edge of the panel without any design elements like words or pictures. This will ensure that all of your design will be visible when the panels are sewn together.

Select a durable and medium-weight non-stretch fabric for the background. Leave at least 2" of hem around the 3'x6' panel that can be used to sew other panels to it to form a block of Quilt.