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## Super scarves Locals knit blue-and-white creations for Super Bowl volunteers

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Hook. Pass. Weave. Reverse.

An unlikely team, needlework met football last weekend as a group of women at Four Seasons Retirement Center huddled up to create scarves for Super Bowl volunteers.

Super Scarves, an initiative of the 2012 Indianapolis Super Bowl Host Committee, is a communitybased effort by Hoosiers to knit and crochet scarves to give to the host committee's volunteers. The committee's goal is to collect 8,000 scarves from around the state.

The organization had collected 7,544 scarves as of Wednesday, according to the Super Scarves website.

Four Seasons residents last weekend said they had made 79 of the 83 blue-and-white scarves they planned to donate.

Edna Appel said her grandson's fiancée, Casey Springer, a host committee member, had asked her help knit the scarves.

Appel said she agreed and started to spread the word among her friends at Four Seasons. She was pleasantly surprised by their response.

"You hand them yarn, and all of a sudden they come back with a scarf," Appel said.

Sara Millis said she crocheted at least 32 blue-and-white-striped scarves for Super Scarves.

Millis said she found crocheting much faster than knitting, which took her several days to make one scarf. She can crochet a scarf in a matter of hours.

Millis, who won grand champion honors at the Bartholomew County 4-H Fair for her quilting skills, said crocheting relaxes her. "I just like to do handwork of all kinds," she said. "It's creative." Millis said she likes to make her scarves while listening to the TV in the background. Millis said she'll be rooting for the Indianapolis Colts this season and watching the TV for her scarves on volunteers at the Super Bowl on Feb. 5 in Indianapolis.

Super Scarves donations must be blue and white only and stretch 96 inches long.

If you're interested in knitting a scarf, you can pick up a kit with yarn and a Colts logo at Cottage Knits, 1702 Pennsylvania St.

Cathi Jones, Cottage Knits owner, said the store has shipped two boxes of scarves since it started offering the kits in January.



CARLA CLARK | FOR THE REPUBLIC Edna Appel started the Super Scarves project at the request of her grandson's fiancée, a member of the 2012 Indianapolis Super Bowl Host Committee. The goal is to collect 8,000 scarves from around the state for the committee's volunteers. Top: Sara Millis and Appel work on their blue-and-white scarves.

### Game plan

8,000 Super Bowl volunteers  
7,544 Super Scarves knitted so far  
168 Days left until Super Bowl XLVI in Indianapolis  
83 Scarves donated by Four Seasons Retirement Community members  
\$2.50 Approximate cost of blue and white yarn  
2 Boxes of scarves donated by Cottage Knits patrons

