

PROJECT LINUS BLANKET GUIDELINES

A Project Linus blanket is a new, handmade, washable blanket. All blankets should be in excellent condition and of good quality. The blankets go to children, young adults (new born to 18 years old) boys & girls and women in need. Project Linus blankets go to children in hospitals, abuse shelters, foster care, low income new births, child protective services, head start programs, food banks & other like agencies in our community.

BLANKET SIZES:

Baby Blankets: 30"x 36" or 36" x 40"

Flannel Receiving Blankets: 36"x40" or 38"x38" or 40"x40"

Tummy Time: 36" x 40" or 40" x 40" NO ties

Toddler through Pre-teen: 40"x 42" or 40" x 50"

Teen to Young Adult: 40" x 50" or 50" x 60"

We do not do Premie blankets for the Prescott Chapter

BLANKET MAKING IDEAS:

QUILTS

A quilt is defined as a blanket that has 3 layers: a TOP made with cotton fabric ~ which may be pieced or simply a single piece of fabric. A pre-printed panel makes an attractive quilt and is easily made. BATTING in the center and BACKING, which is usually a single piece of fabric. Make sure all seams are well secured. In order to keep the batting from shifting, the 3 layers of the quilt must be secured together. Either sewn together by hand, machine quilted, or tied (using yarn or thread to tie the 3 layers together) If yarn or thread is used to tie a blanket, make sure the ends are trimmed to approximately 1 inch and the knots are secure

Batting Manufacturer's Recommendations:

1. Poly Batting: Quilt or Tie every 5 inches
2. Hobbs 80/20 Batting: Quilt or Tie every 4 inches
3. Warm & Natural Batting: Quilt or Tie up to 10 inches

AFGHANS

Afghans are to be made of new acrylic yarns that are crocheted or knitted. Afghans for children should not have large holes (granny squares) or loose triple crochet stitches. Small children can get toes and fingers caught too easily. Also, be sure and tie off the yarns and weave the ends back into the afghan. The afghans can too easily unravel with just a knot & snipping the ends off.

RECEIVING BLANKETS

A piece of flannel with a hemmed edge. Two layers of flannel make a warmer, cuddlier blanket.

FLEECE BLANKETS

A very good washable blanket for all ages. Be sure & cut off the selvage (rolled) edge of the fleece. Neatly finish the edge with a hem or fringed edge. If 2 pieces of fleece are used, then be sure to place yarn ties throughout the blanket for stability.

Your blankets can be as simply and easily made as you wish or can be as creative as you wish.

TO ENSURE A GOOD PROJECT LINUS BLANKET

These are the Quality control requirements the Project Linus National Headquarters has set forth.

- Make sure your blankets are free from smoky smells or chemicals. Even heavy detergents or fabric softeners can cause a problem for an ill child. Some agencies or hospitals will discard the blanket rather than jeopardize the child.
- Embellishments are not recommended on a blanket. No buttons, glitter, fringe, pins, beads, sequins or like items are to be used.
- Do not use fabric or yarn that has a musty or moldy smell.
- No tapestry, burlap, upholstery, double-knit, felt, vinyl, wool or wool yarn.
- No holiday or religious fabrics.
- Always check your finished blankets for pins, dog, cat & personal hairs.
- Per National Headquarters: **NO** personal labels are to be attached to the blankets we distribute, **only** the official Project Linus label.
- LABEL PLACEMENT: With the front of the quilt or afghan facing you, place the Project Linus label on the back side, bottom left corner. Be sure the label is securely fastened to your blanket.

REMEMBER ~

Children always grow, so don't worry about making your blankets too large. Also think of colors that children will like. Many of these children have seen trauma in their lives and your blankets may be the only thing that is new and that they can call their very own.

We want Our Project Linus blankets to last and give the children comfort, warmth and bring a smile to their faces.

NOTE ~ We reserve the right as a National Project Linus Chapter to refuse any blankets that do not meet these guidelines.

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