

Thank you for making a blanket for Project Linus!

Tips for you!

Please include your full name, address, zip code, email and phone number with your blankets or fabric donations. You will receive a card, thanking you for your gift.

All blankets must be "homemade" of all-new fabric. Project Linus cannot accept commercially made blankets or blankets made with any recycled materials, including the batting. Every part of the blanket must be made of new materials.

Please do not sew buttons on any Project Linus blanket—children can choke on buttons. Please keep blanket materials and completed blankets free of pet hair and tobacco smoke.

Blankets can be pieced or whole-cloth fabric quilts with batting, knitted or crocheted blankets, fleece blankets (see below) or flannel blankets with batting. Specific instructions for making Newborn Intensive Care Unit blankets are available on our website: www.projectlinus-madison.org.

Quilts may be hand-quilted, machine-quilted or tied. Embroidery floss is great for tying quilts, as it's much easier to pull through the layers than yarn.

Please use fabric and yarns suitable for children and teens. The most popular blankets for kids are made of bright, colorful materials. We also give many blankets to teens, and we always have a need for more blankets for boys, especially teen boys. Kids love blankets that feature animals and pets, sports and sports teams, cars and trucks, colorful cartoon characters, Wisconsin Badgers, Green Bay Packers, movie-themed fabric, and just about anything that appeals to their sense of fun!

Fleece Blankets: To make a single-layer fleece blanket, please **purchase a minimum of one and a half yards of fleece. Two yards of fleece makes a nice blanket for an older teen.** Less yardage results in a blanket that is too narrow after fringing. Single-layer fleece blankets are very popular. For a double layer fleece blanket, you will need two pieces, each a minimum of 1½ yards.

Please make fleece blankets in an area free of any pet hair or tobacco smoke (allergens for some children) and store your fleece and completed blankets in an area free of pet hair and tobacco smoke. Illustrated printable instructions for making No Sew Fleece Blankets can be found on the Project Linus website www.projectlinus.org/links.html. Then choose No Sew Fleece Blankets. Please cut off the selvages (the edges of the fleece, often wavy & sometimes white) and square up any uneven edges, as needed. To make fringing easier, trim out a square on all four corners of the blanket. The sides of the square should be equal to the length of the fringe.

Please do not cut the fringe any longer than 2"-3" long, if you don't knot the fringe. Plain, unknotted fringe looks very nice. If you do knot the fringe, fringe should be no longer than 2" -3" after knotting. **If you knot the fringe, please do not tie the knots too tightly or too close to the blanket, because the blanket will not lie flat.**

Fleece blankets can also be finished in many other creative ways, with and without sewing. For an assortment of techniques, visit www.linusidaho.org/finishafleeceblanket.htm.