

## Tips and Tidbits

- Visit the website [www.projectlinus.org](http://www.projectlinus.org) and select the tab *Store* to check out sewing notions such as the skip-stitch blade and fringe cutting templates. (These are wonderful for edging fleece blankets.)
- Quantity isn't always in the best interests of Project Linus. 1 metre of fleece can make two smaller blankets but it also makes one tween/teen blanket. Remember we need blankets for big teenagers too!
- For crocheters, one of our blanketeers has created a "Granny Rectangle" which uses the same amount of yarn as a Granny Square afghan but is more suitable for a teen blanket. Please email or phone for more info.
- Take some time to put a little tender loving care into your blankets. It is sure to be loved by the child who receives it!
- Always check blankets carefully for pins.

**Thank you** for helping to make sure that Project Linus blankets are safe and cuddly and will bring comfort and security to a child in need.

## Project Linus Manitoba

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Blanketeers and other volunteers make this Project possible!

Thank you!

# PROJECT LINUS WESTMAN

## Blanketeer Handout



Making handmade blankets  
for children

in difficult situations

## Blanketeer Questions and Answers

### What type of blankets does Project Linus accept?

Project Linus welcomes blankets of all styles including quilts, tied comforters, fleece blankets, crocheted or knitted afghans. Blankets must be:

- **new**
- **handmade**
- **washable** and
- **in child friendly colours.**

### What type of blankets does Project Linus NOT accept?

Project Linus coordinators are instructed **NOT** to accept blankets that aren't of excellent quality and free from contaminants. Special care should be taken to ensure that blankets are free of smoky smells or chemicals which could cause problems for a child. Examples of chemicals are Febreze, Javex, Fleece and Bounce.

Recycled or used fabrics, tapestry, polyester and suiting fabrics are not acceptable for children's blankets.

Do not use embellishments such as buttons or cloth paint. Avoid seasonal fabrics as we cannot guarantee that the blankets will be used in season. (Christmas, Halloween)

### What size should I make?

**Teens** - ages 14-17    40X65-70 inches

**Tweens** - ages 10-13    40X60+ inches

**Youth** - ages 5-9    40X50+ inches

**Toddler** - ages 2-4    35X45 inches

**Newborn** - to age 2    24-35 inches square

(Note: These are just guidelines, blankets **do not** need to be these exact measurements.)

### What kind should I make?

Consider the age of the child and use yarn or fabric colours and prints appropriate to that age group. Baby blankets should be in the softest fleece, flannel or knitted/crocheted yarn. Printed panels make excellent toddler quilts. Older children like quilts, fleece, and rag quilts.

### What about blankets for EMS and ambulances?

Storage in an ambulance is limited.

Generic blankets in colours and prints suitable to either a boy or girl are best. Tips for thinner blankets are:

- Single layer fleece with crocheted edges
- Pieced blankets with a layer of diaper flannel in the middle instead of batting. They are especially warm and cuddly if they have a flannel backing.

### What do we mean by handmade and why?

It is the mission of Project Linus to donate only handmade blankets. We sew a label on each blanket that says, "*Made with tender loving care for Project Linus*". If you put some tender loving care into your blanket, it will be perfect for Project Linus.

"Handmade" or "homemade" means that they are not commercially manufactured or purchased. Home sewing machines and knitting machines are fine. We receive letters and thank you notes every year from recipients. Over and over they express how touched they are that a stranger would take the time to make a blanket for them. Handmade blankets are from the heart!

### Where can I find a pattern for making a Project Linus blanket?

Many organizations and companies have been very generous in supplying patterns for Project Linus. You can visit

[www.projectlinus.org](http://www.projectlinus.org) and select the tab *Patterns/Links* for a selection of free patterns to download off the internet. The only stipulation regarding these copies is that they are for charity use only - not for personal or commercial use. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.