



## Become a "Blanketeer"!!

A "Blanketeer" hand-makes a blanket for a child that could use an extra hug.

The Adams County Chapter of Project Linus would like to invite you to join with us in providing blankets to children from infants through teen years. Volunteers get together once a month to share ideas, fabric and yarn, patterns and more during Make-A-Blanket sessions.



When: 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Where: Fairfield Mennonite Church  
201 W. Main Street  
Fairfield



If you cannot attend our get-togethers, you can still be a part of the fun! Make a blanket and donate it to our Chapter - we'll even pick up your gifts if you can't deliver them to us. (We also have a drop box located in the Hanover JoAnn Fabrics store!) Blankets can be 36" x 36" for newborn babies, 40" x 60" for children a little older, or up to twin size for teens. They can be sewn, knitted, quilted, crocheted... the possibilities are endless - you can be as creative as you'd like! (Please keep in mind; they need to be free of any pins, extra threads or anything a little one can get their fingers caught in - see page 2 for additional notes!)

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Currently our blankets are given to the Tender Care Pregnancy Centers, Survivors, AGAPE House, SCCAP Homeless Shelter, Children's Advocacy Center, Bereavement/Placement Groups, etc. Just think of all the young lives that can be touched!

For more information, additional drop-off locations, etc: call Cindy Sanderson, Adams County Chapter Coordinator at 717-968-1513. For information about Project Linus, check out their website at [www.projectlinus.org](http://www.projectlinus.org).

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## PROJECT LINUS GUIDELINES

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Here's how you can help:

Make blankets from NEW, CLEAN, WASHABLE materials in infant, child or teen-friendly colors. Remember, these blankets are meant to be colorful, cheerful and cuddly.

Please do not make your blankets out of tapestry, burlap, upholstery fabric, double knits, felt, vinyl, wool or wool yarn. Please do not use fabric that has been stored in a damp area or has a musty smell. Blankets that smell of smoke cannot be accepted.

Project Linus donates blankets to children from preemies to 18-year-olds. The majority of Project Linus blankets are 40" x 60" but children come in all different sizes so most sizes are acceptable. Suggested sizes are 36" x 36" for newborns, 40" x 60" for toddlers/elementary school-age children, and at least 50" x 70" for older kids. Again, these are just suggestions. However, we ask that you do not make blankets narrow/long blankets: There aren't too many very skinny, tall kids!

Crochet, knit, quilt, or tie your blankets or neatly finish the edge on polar fleece.

Please be sure **to cut off the selvage (rolled) edge of fleece** before making your blanket. (Directions on how to make the no-sew fleece blankets are available from your Coordinator.)

**Be sure the finished blanket for toddler/elementary school-age children measure at least 40", minus the fringe!** Long, narrow blankets may not be used for Project Linus blankets...

Blankets that do not have the selvage edges cut off, do not meet size requirements, do not lay flat, or are not constructed well, may be donated elsewhere (Mennonite Disaster Relief, homeless aid, SPCA, etc.)

Make blankets from 100% cotton fabric, flannel, polar fleece or acrylic yarn.

Check your blanket carefully for straight pins.

We hope these guidelines will help you with your blanket-making.

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