

General Blanket Guidelines 4/18

Blankets are to be handmade, washable and made with new materials. Blankets created or stored in a smoking environment cannot be accepted under any circumstances

BLANKET SIZES

- LARGER BLANKETS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED. Blankets can be square or rectangle. Each side of the blanket must measure 36 inches or longer.
- The body of a fleece blanket does not include the fringe. The body of the fleece blanket should also measure at least 36" x 36"
- Length of blanket must be in proportion to the width~ for example: 30" x 60" is too long and narrow



KNITTED OR CROCHETED BLANKETS

- Use acrylic (washable) yarn, **not wool**, in child friendly colors
- The pattern should not create large holes where fingers or medical equipment could get tangled
- Remember to weave in at least a 4-inch tail of yarn when finishing.



TIED FLEECE BLANKETS

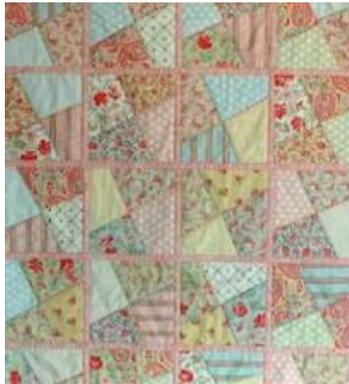
- The hospitals and agencies request that the fleece blankets be **SINGLE LAYER**, NOT double
- For **each** blanket, we suggest purchasing $1\frac{1}{2}$ yards fleece
- Pattern of fleece should coordinate to the size of blanket. For example, a design with baby bottles should be used for a smaller blanket
- Tie each piece of fringe on itself. **DO NOT** tie two pieces of fringe together. The knot should be in the **middle** of the fringe, not near the body of the blanket.
- **BLANKET MUST LAY FLAT BEFORE DONATING.** Tying the fringe too tightly causes the blanket to curl under like a fitted sheet.
- **DO NOT MAKE FLEECE BLANKETS USING THE “BUNNY EARS” METHOD** -making a small slit in the fringe and pulling it through the hole.
- Read and carefully follow our instructions for making a fleece blanket which can be found on our website under the Pattern & Links Tab.



PENNY BLANKETS – *crochet-edged fleece blankets*

A new way to use fleece in making blankets is to create a Penny blanket. Small holes are made along each edge of a piece of fleece using a skip stitch blade (notched rotary cutter blade). The blanket maker then crochets an edge around the fleece resulting in a beautiful blanket which is much loved by the children.

- Pattern instructions for crocheted edges are available on our website; www.projectlinuschicago.com under the “Pattern & Links” Tab.
- Skip stitch blades cost \$10 plus \$2 for shipping. Call Penny at 847-521-0672 to order
- Prepared fleece is available through our fleece exchange at some chapter events



QUILTS

- Use only new cotton fabric
- You can choose any quilt pattern as long as each side is longer than 36”
- Batting must be attached in outer seams and either quilted or tied
- Please use **embroidery floss instead of yarn** if you are tying the quilt.
Quilt or tie every 4-6 inches, or according to the batting instructions.
- When fleece or flannel is used as a backing, batting is unnecessary.



KIDS HELPING KIDS QUILTS

In our Kids Helping Kids program, children decorate 8½" squares of muslin which are then used to make quilts. Please call Judi at 847-498-3987, if you are interested in creating a quilt from these blocks. We sometimes have kits containing 15 decorated and 15 coordinating squares. You can use your favorite pattern or a simple envelop quilt can be used.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR ALL PROJECT LINUS BLANKETS

Blankets created or stored in a smoking environment cannot be accepted under any circumstances

Do not use fabric with religious messages

Do not use fabric softener or perfumes when laundering blankets or store in a scented plastic bag

Wash and dry blanket created in a home where there is a pet. Place in plastic bag before Donating. Check for pet hair left on the blanket.

Do not create any blanket near peanut butter or nuts

Do not attach any embellishments, such as buttons or sequins, to the blankets

Do not use any fabric or yarn that has been exposed to mold or mildew

CHECK FOR ANY PINS LEFT IN THE BLANKET

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