



QUILT SQUARE INSTRUCTIONS

Squares of bleached (white) muslin are decorated with **permanent fabric** markers and made into a comforting quilt. Your group will enjoy using their imaginations to decorate the squares with pictures or messages which will provide comfort to children in crisis. Finishing the quilt may be done by someone in your group or by Project Linus volunteers. A simple envelope pattern works well with the squares although any pattern is acceptable. A sample blanket can be borrowed from Judi to your participants what a blanket made from their squares will look like.

FABRIC EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Through our fabric exchange program, we will provide the prepared 8 1/2 inch squares for your project in exchange for the same amount of new muslin. Your group will purchase bleached muslin, wash, dry and iron it to exchange for the prepared squares. The formula we use for determining how much muslin you should purchase is: one yard of 36" wide fabric yields 15 squares. Divide the number of squares you need by 15. The result is the number of yards you should purchase. For example, if you need 30 squares, you would purchase 2 yards of muslin. **DO NOT CUT THE FABRIC YOU PURCHASE!** Our volunteers will cut this fabric into squares for the next groups.

NOTES:

There are two types of muslin-bleached and unbleached. The **bleached muslin is white and very soft. The unbleached muslin is beige and not as soft. We request bleached muslin.

**Permanent fabric markers are provided by your group. They can be purchased at any craft store or online. Do not use Sharpies.

The decorated squares **MUST be heat set before returning to Project Linus which can be done by ironing the squares or putting them in a hot dryer for 30 minutes.

**Since our blankets are given to children of all religions, we do not accept any decorated squares with religious symbols or messages.

****DO NOT** use glitter, puffy paint or attach anything like buttons or sequins to the squares.