

Blanket Specification

A gentle reminder concerning the types of blankets Project Linus chapters may accept. Blankets must meet these National Guidelines. Thank you!

DO...

- 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.
- Crochet, knit, quilt, or tie your blankets---or finish the edge on polar fleece.
- Make blankets from 100% cotton fabric, flannel, polar fleece, or acrylic yarn.
- Secure the batting into outer seams and if the blanket is tied, please anchor it every 4 - 6 inches, cutting ties to 1 inch or less in length.
- Weave in all yarn ends on crocheted and knit blankets
- **Check your blanket carefully for straight pins.** It's better you find that pin and not the child who receives your blanket.
- Provide your name and address with your blanket.

DON'T...

- Don't make your blankets out of tapestry, burlap, upholstery fabric, 70's type double knit, felt, vinyl, wool, holiday fabric or wool yarn.
- Don't attach buttons or decorative items to a blanket. They can be a choking hazard.
- Don't use thick fabric paint on the surface of your blanket. Use ONLY permanent fabric markers made specifically for fabric when coloring on muslin.
- Pre-wash all fabric that you feel may cause a problem with bleeding.
- Do not use fabric that has been stored in a damp area and has a musty smell. The mold spores can cause an allergic reaction in a child and are very difficult to remove from the fabric.

PLEASE NOTE...

- Blankets that smell of smoke or strong chemicals (including perfumed fabric softeners), or have pet hair on them cannot be accepted as they may produce severe allergic reaction in the children. Unfortunately, washing these blankets does not always remove the problem. Please use a lint brush or roller on your blankets if they are covered with thread or lint!
- Another word about pins...**PLEASE** check, double check and triple check your blankets for straight pins. Tags usually separate from the blankets when they are transported leaving a lost pin just waiting to poke a child. **PLEASE** use only safety pins to attach notes to quilts.
- No holiday fabrics or panels please (Christmas, Easter, Halloween, etc.)
- **Blanket Sizes (measurements are approximate).** Crocheted or knitted baby blankets- 30"x30" or 30"x36" using soft pastel baby yarn (no smaller please)
- Child-40"x60" Teen-45"x72"
- Be creative! Keep in mind that children will be selecting a blanket with which to cuddle and receive comfort.
- Blankets that do not meet Project Linus specifications and cannot be donated will be returned to the blanketeer.