



Thank you for donating your blanket to Project Linus Annapolis, MD Chapter. Your blanket will help a child in need. We distribute to local area hospitals, schools and charities. Email us at projectlinusannapolis@outlook.com if you have any questions.

Blanket Requirements:

All blankets that are received by Project Linus Annapolis, MD Chapter are inspected, labeled and packaged for delivery to local agencies and others for the benefit of children in their care. Blankets must come from smoke free homes and if possible washed in scent free/sensitive skin detergent before donating them.

Blankets must be **new** and **handmade**. Used or store-bought blankets are not accepted for donation. Finished size must be a **minimum** of **32" X 32"**.

- Please be sure that your blankets are a square or rectangular shape. No star-shaped or round crochet blankets please.
- For warmth, we recommend that crochet and knitted blankets use a pattern with small or no holes so that little fingers don't get caught between the stitches. Please make sure you weave in long ends (at least EIGHT INCHES OF YARN) each time you change colors. Be sure that all yarn ends are **securely tied off** and **invisible**. If your tied off yarn is **visible**, please check Youtube.com videos on how to weave in yarn ends.
- All yarn and fabric should be machine washable/dryable (no wool or wool blend yarns), and fabric should be odor and smoke free. Be sure to use scent free/sensitive skin detergent and fabric softer if you are washing your donations before you drop them off.
- Please be sure there is no pet hair on the finished blanket. If there are pets in the home, please wash the blanket and put it in a clean plastic bag when it comes out of the dryer.
- Fun, bright colors and patterns suitable for kids 0-18 years old that trigger feelings of happiness and comfort are suggested. For no sew fleece blankets pick fun sport patterns, movie characters, animals, food, or geometric designs. Please do not donate any holiday or religious themed prints.
- If you make no-sew fleece blankets, please make only **single** layer slit tie fleece blankets. We no longer accept knotted single- or double-layer fleece blankets. Be sure the fleece is not labeled "**plush**" or "**minky**" fleece which has fibers that shed and are messy to use for children. Cut off selvages and square up fabric before you start cutting the fringe. Instructions for these blankets can be found at https://www.projectlinus.org/pdf/No_Sew_Fleece_Blanket_%232.pdf
- Quilters, please donate completed blankets. Quilts need to be finished: backed, batted, bound and quilted. Please do not donate unfinished quilt tops. Fleece and flannel backed quilts are accepted! Please check that no pins are left in a finished blanket. If you make a cotton top with cotton backing, please use batting. If you make a cotton top with a fleece or flannel backing, batting is not needed.

Blankets can be dropped off at one of our drop off locations or during our meetings. Check our website for hours and locations. Please email projectlinusannapolis@outlook.com or call 443-926-3861 for large donations. If you'd like to do a service project making no-sew blankets, please email the Chapter Coordinator before starting your project.

<https://linusannapolis.com/docs/news.html>

Blanket Size Guidelines: All sizes approximate

- Newborn (age 0 – 1): 32" to 36" square
- Baby (age 1 – 2): 34" to 36" square or 32" x 38" to 34" x 40"
- Toddler (age 2 – 4): 35" x 45"
- Child (age 5 – 9): 40" x 50" to 45" x 55"
- Tween (age 10 – 13): 45" x 60" to 50" x 65"
- Teen (age 14 – 18): 45" x 65" to 50" x 70"

Special Purpose Blankets:

Backpack Buddies for AACPS Title 1 Community Schools:

Double layer of fleece - 4 yards of coordinating fabrics

Size: Width of fleece by 54" - 72" (2 yd.) length

Sewing a Backpack Buddy Blanket:

Take 2 coordinating 2-yard cuts of fleece (anti-pill or polar fleece), cut off selvages and square up fabric edges. Place right sides of fabric together and pin or clip edges together so fabric doesn't shift. Sew together with 3/4 to 1 inch seam allowance leaving an 8–10-inch opening on one side to turn fabric inside out. Flip it right side out and push the corners out nice and square. You can trim the corners to reduce bulk when turning fabric inside out, be careful not to cut your stitches though. Tuck in and pin the opening, top stitch to close the opening and continue to top stitch around the entire blanket.