

Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

Annapolis, MD Chapter
Serving Anne Arundel County

Become a Volunteer

Are you skilled in knitting, crocheting, sewing, or quilting? We welcome all levels of experience! Join our chapter and contribute your talents to create blankets for children in need.

What we provide:

- Patterns and guidance
- Access to yarn and fabric donations
- A supportive and friendly environment
- Opportunities to connect with fellow crafters

Project Linus is a nationwide non-profit organization with a two-fold mission. First: to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers." Second: to provide a rewarding and fun service opportunity for interested individuals and groups in local chapters.

Donate Materials

We are always in need of new or gently used yarn, fabric, thread, needles, and other blanket making supplies. In-kind and monetary donations directly support our projects and help us continue our work providing handmade blankets for children.

Most needed items:

- 100% Acrylic yarns (no wool or wool blends)
- 100% Cotton Quilting fabric
- Fleece fabric
- Flannel fabric
- Crochet hooks

Get In Touch

Ready to volunteer and make a positive impact for kids in Anne Arundel County? Do you have materials or a new handmade blanket you'd like to donate? We have drop off locations in Annapolis, Severna Park and Linthicum. We'd love to hear from you!

Please reach out to us via:

- **Email:** projectlinusannapolis@outlook.com
- **Phone:** (443) 926-3861
- **Come to our meetings:** Severna Park Community Center Boone Station Hall 623 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd Severna Park, MD 21146 (1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month 9:30 AM - 1 PM, 3rd Saturday 9:30 AM - 12 PM during the summer months, 2 PM - 4 PM starting in September)
- **Explore our website:** <https://linusannapolis.com> to learn more about our chapter, how you can help, and see the hours and locations of our drop off sites.
- **Sign up for our newsletter:** Stay updated on our latest needs and events.

Organizations we support and the types of blankets they need

Our volunteers create a variety of blankets for the different organizations we support:

- **AAMC & BWMC Pediatric ERs:** Cozy lap blankets and quilts for children admitted to the hospital. Minimum size is 32" x 32" and are a mix of sewn, crocheted, knitted, and quilted blankets made with 100% quilting cotton, fleece, flannel or acrylic yarns (no wool or wool blend yarns). Larger is better for hospital blankets 45" x 60" is a good size to fit a wide age-range of kids.
- **Backpack Buddy Blankets:** Two 2-yard cuts of anti-pill or polar fleece sewn together for the Backpack Buddy program for AACPS Title 1 Schools.
- **Baby Pantry Blankets:** Soft blankets with the minimum size being 32" x 32" up to 45" x 55" for the various baby pantries we support such as the Anne Arundel County Food Bank, Caring Cupboard, CCCC Baby Pantry, Jessup Baby Pantry and Marshall Hope. We also provide blankets for AACPS Birth to Five Services. They are a mix of sewn, crocheted, knitted and quilted blankets made with 100% quilting cotton, fleece, flannel or acrylic yarns.
- **The Blue Ribbon Project:** Single layer fleece blankets either no-sew slit tie or crocheted edge fleece blankets for kids going into foster care.
- **Hospice of the Chesapeake Camp Nabi:** Quilts for 6–18-year-old kids and teens for the annual grief camp held in August each year. Minimum size 45" x 60" up to 50" x 70".
- **South County Reading Camp:** 1.5 yards single layer no-sew slit tied fleece or crochet edge fleece blankets in fun and colorful patterns or prints.

Blanket Sizes and Tips

1. Newborn (age 0 – 1): 32" to 36" square
2. Baby (age 1 – 2): 34" to 36" square or 32" x 38" to 34" x 40" or approximate
3. Toddler (age 2 – 4): 35" x 45" or approximate
4. Child (age 5 – 9): 40" x 50" to 45" x 55" or approximate
5. Tween (age 10 – 13): 45" x 60" to 50" x 65" or approximate
6. Teen (age 14 – 18): 45" x 65" to 50" x 70" or approximate
7. All blankets that are received by Project Linus 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 detergent before donating them.
8. 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!
9. Make sure you cut off selvages before cutting and sewing your fabric, this applies to no-sew fleece blankets as well.
10. Use our no-sew slit tie fleece pattern found on our website. We no longer accept knotted single or double layer fleece blankets. Use anti-pill or polar fleece fabric, not plush fleece or minky fabric. It sheds too much when cut and does not work for a no-sew blanket. Plush fleece or minky fabric works well as quilt backing.
11. If you'd like to do a service project making no-sew blankets, please email the Chapter Coordinator before starting your project.
12. Please secure and weave in long ends for crocheted or knitted blankets, at least 8 inches of yarn so the blankets don't unravel when washed. Blankets must be made of machine washable and dry-able yarns, no wool or wool blends. Tight or closed patterns work best for our needs, no large holes in the patterns please.