

Project ♥ Linus Monterey Bay Chapter

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Dear Blanketeers,

At this Thanksgiving time, I want each of you to know how truly grateful I am for your commitment to Project Linus. Never could so many children receive such love, if it weren't for people such as you. The Monterey Bay Chapter sent several blankets to Los Angeles to help Southern California Chapters fill the huge need for blankets due to the recent fires. A total of 1,558 blankets were collected and distributed.

The Monterey Bay Chapter continues to grow, however I currently only have five blankets in my "blanket storage." Sadly, the number of children having to go to the hospital increases during the holidays. You're beautiful blankets are greatly needed this time of year.

In my last Newsletter, I asked that your blankets be washed before delivery. To each of you who have honored that request, I send a huge THANK YOU. This has saved me a tremendous amount of time, soap and water.

Once again, thank you for your time and help. I wish each of you a wonderful Thanksgiving and may God bless each of you and your families throughout the coming year. William Shakespeare said, "How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a weary world." Thank you for bringing a ray of sunshine on what may very well be a very dark day in the life of a child.

Sincerely,

Noni McVey

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Letter From A Recipient's Mom

Thank you. I say that with much heartfelt sincerity. My daughter, who is 8 years old, broke her arm on Wednesday. She was in pain and was afraid of what was happening to her at the hospital. She had never had an IV hooked up to her, and the emergency room surroundings in themselves are scary. The hustle and bustle of doctors, EMT crews and the nurses trying to help the people in pain that are all around you while you wait for your turn for the surgeon is very scary. She received an afghan while she was there, and the Linus Project was explained to me. My daughter latched onto the blanket and it has indeed brought comfort to her, even at home while the pain in her arm comes and goes.

I truly am thankful for the volunteers who make these gifts for children. Please accept my donation to help make another. I wish it could be much more.

Specific Needs

Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital:

Sizes :

- 16"x16"
- 36"x48"

Requirements:

- Fabric
- No floss or yarn
- Handmade
- Washable
- Baby colors

These blankets are delivered to the Neonatal Unit.

Blanket Report

Jan. 1-Nov. 14, 2003

Hospitals – 411
Social Services – 156
Shelters – 95
Disaster Relief – 12
Individuals – 11

Blankets Collected Since
Chapter Founding: 1,334

Filet Heart Afghan

Materials: Size I hook, any color 4 ply worsted weight yarn.

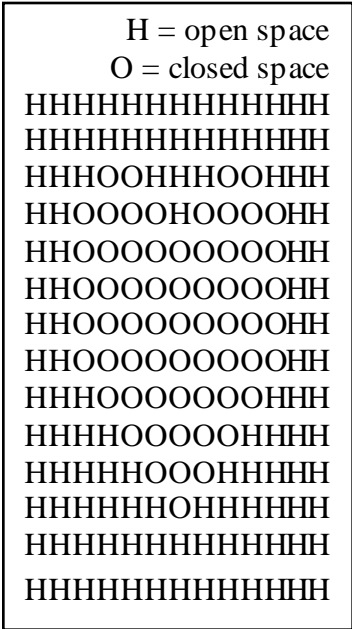
Size: One "square" using the chart measures approximately 9 1/2" long and 8" high.

Directions: The chart for this afghan is pictured on the right

Determine how wide you want your afghan to be and determine how many times the pattern must be repeated across in order to achieve that width. You can determine the number of beg chs using the following formula: Number of blocks across times 3 plus 4. For example, if you just made one "square" across, you would ch 43 (13 blocks times 3 plus 4 more chains). If you repeated the pattern twice across you would ch 82 (26 blocks times 3 plus 4 more) and so on.

After making the correct number of chs you start by making a dc in the 7th ch from the hook. Then follow the chart across, by doing ch 2, sk 2 sts, dc across the row. Ch 5 and turn at the end of each row and complete first open sp by dc in next dc. You complete the closed spaces of the chart by making 2 dc in the next sp and then dc in next dc.

<<http://members.aol.com/SAG55/heartaf.html>>



Square Dots Afghan

Materials: Worsted weight yarns, 6 - 8 oz. Balls (or about 2, 725 yards, divided into 2 separate balls) You will work with 2 strands together on this pattern, so divide all yarn equal into 2 parts. Also need, 1 - 36 inch circular needle, US size 11.

Gauge: 3 sts = 1 inch and 4 rows = 1 inch

Directions: Holding 2 strands together, cast on 128 sts. Knit each row for 4 rows.

Start pattern : Row 1: knit across.

Row 2 : K 3, (border st) purl across to last 3 sts, K 3 (border st)

Row 3 : K 3 (border st) K 2, * P 2, K 2 * repeating between *'s across, ending with K 3 border st.

Row 4: K 3 (border st) P 2, * K 2, P 2 * repeating between *'s across, ending with K 3 border st.

Row 5 and 6: Repeat rows 1 and 2.

Row 7: K 3 (border st) P2, * K2, P 2 * repeating across, ending K 3 border st.

Row 8: K 3 , border st, K 2, * P 2, K 2 * repeating between *'s across, ending K 3 border st.

Repeat these 8 rows for pattern , until almost 59 inches from beg, ending with a row 2 or row 6. (purl row)

Bottom border: K across for 5 rows .(you will need one more knit row on this end)

Bind off in knit st. Weave in yarn ends. <<http://www.frugalhaus.com/homepage/sqdotsafghan.htm>>

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