

Project ♥ Linus Monterey Bay Chapter

Summer 2003

Dear Blanketeers,

Congratulations! Thanks to your dedication we have collected 1,039 blankets since October 2001. I depend on each of you to willingly make blankets for children who are hurting in our community. Month after month you do just that. I thank you from my heart and admire your devotion.

I am pleased to inform you, I had the honor to participate in the Children's Miracle Network. I was interviewed on both radio and television.

We have two new facilities that are receiving blankets—Peacock Acres and Jacob's Heart. Because of these two new facilities, we are in great need of boy blankets. The needs range from three to eighteen years of age. If making a quilt, some fabrics to keep in mind for the younger boys are dinosaurs, bugs, cars, sports and boy colors. For the older boys make larger blankets that are earth tones and blues.

Many of the children who receive these blankets are already sick. Blankets that smell of smoke or strong chemicals or have pet hair on them are not acceptable as they may produce a severe allergic reaction in the children. Thus, it is important for all Blanketeers to wash and thoroughly dry their blankets before delivering them. I cannot emphasize this enough. I do an average of four loads of blanket laundry a week. As we are all aware of the water situation here on the Peninsula, your assistance in washing your blankets is very much appreciated. If your quilt blanket appears wrinkled after washing, please take the time to iron it.

Once again, thank you for all you do to bring comfort and a ray of sunshine on a cloudy day to children in need.

Sincerely,



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The Dos and Don'ts of Blanket Making

Do...

- Use new, clean, washable materials in friendly, colorful colors.
- Make your seams at least ½ inch.
- Use 100% cotton fabric, flannel, polar fleece or acrylic yarn.
- Secure batting into outer seams and tie or quilt it every 4 – 6 inches.
- Weave in all yarn ends on crochet and knit blankets.
- Check your blanket carefully for straight pins.
- Wash and completely dry your blankets.
- Ask yourself if you would like to receive the blanket. If not, Project Linus would not like to receive it either.

Don't...

- Use tapestry, upholstery, denim, burlap, felt, vinyl, wool, wool yarn or any other scratchy fabrics, laces or yarn. Please do not donate these fabrics.
- Put your personal label on the blanket.

Rib Check Baby Blanket

By E. J. Slayton



Finished Size: Approx. 24" x 27" (28" x 32")

Materials

- Chunky weight yarn (160 yds/100 grams per ball): 3(4)
- Size 9 (5.5mm) needle or size needed to obtain gauge

Gauge: 15 sts and 20 rows = 4"/10cm in pattern
To save time, check gauge.

Blanket

Cast on 99(111) sts.
Beginning with Row 1, work in pattern until blanket measures approximately 27(32)", ending with Row 9. Bind off all sts knitwise. Weave in ends securely. Block lightly.

Rib Check Pattern (multiple of 6 sts + 3)

Rows 1 & 2: Knit.

Rows 3 5 & 7: *K3, p3, rep from * across, end k3.

Rows 4, 6 & 8: K6, *p3, k3, rep from * across, end p3, k6.

Rows 9 & 10: Knit.

Rows 11 & 13: K6, *p3, k3, rep from * across, end p3, k6.

Rows 12 & 14: *K3, p3, rep from * across, end k3.

Rep Rows 1–14 for pattern.

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(<http://www.joyknits.com/blankie.html>)

A Thank Note from a Recipient



“The blankets were absolutely beautiful! Both of the kids are ‘blankie’ kind of people so even the 19 year old, Mike, was very enthusiastic about the blanket when I spoke with him! Thank you so much for your caring, in this case and in the numerous others in which I'm sure you're involved. Sometimes, just having something to snuggle with makes all the difference in the world! Bless you!”

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