

Hurricane Crisis

Hurricane Katrina has had a devastating effect on the Gulf Coast. As you all know, there are refugees scattered from Texas to Florida. Today, I learned San Francisco is taking 300 homeless people in to find them homes, jobs and enroll their children in schools.

Project Linus is trying to provide blankets for all the children who have been touched by this crisis. As of today, 6,000 blankets are needed.

Our local chapter responded immediately to the initial request by sending 60 blankets to Texas. If you would like to make blankets for children who have been effected by Hurricane Katrina, the requirements are as follows:

- Single layer fleece blankets (choose fleece with a pattern not plain fleece).
- Lightweight quilts
- Lightweight knit or crochet blankets

My goal has always been to first take care of our local children and second to help out in a disaster situation. I want to thank each of you who responded to my phone call for help.

I am updating my contact information. If you have an email address, please give it. When faced with a disaster such as this, it would be more efficient and less costly to email everyone with the needs than to spend time calling or mailing out a newsletter.

Thank you, my gratitude for all each of you do for Project Linus touches my heart.

Sincerely,

Help With Shipping: Make a Monetary Donation

The local chapter will be experiencing higher costs this month due to shipping the blankets to Hurricane Katrina victims. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated to help cover these costs.

Project Linus is a national non-profit organization with a 501 c3 status.

Make your check or money order payable to "Project Linus". Write "For Monterey Bay Chapter" on your donation. Send your donation to:

Noni McVey
Project Linus Coordinator
P. O. Box 223675
Carmel, CA 93922

New Drop Off Location

You may now drop your completed blankets off at the Barnyard at a new location at the mouth of the Valley. The location is:

SandCastles by the Sea
3776 The Barnyard, Carmel
(831) 626-8361

Please help us keep our records current. Fill out the form below and return it to: Noni McVey, PO Box 223675, Carmel, CA 93922. **Please print clearly to ensure accurate information is entered into our database.**

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Fleece No-Sew Blanket

Step 1:

Buy polar fleece. If you go with a smaller piece, keep in mind the colors and patterns for little kids and babies. Purchase more fabric for prints that have an older appearance for teens.

Approximate Sizes:

- Baby 30" x 36"
- Child 40" x 40"
- Teens 54" x 60"

Step 2:

Remove selvages, especially the white along the edges. Straighten the edges.

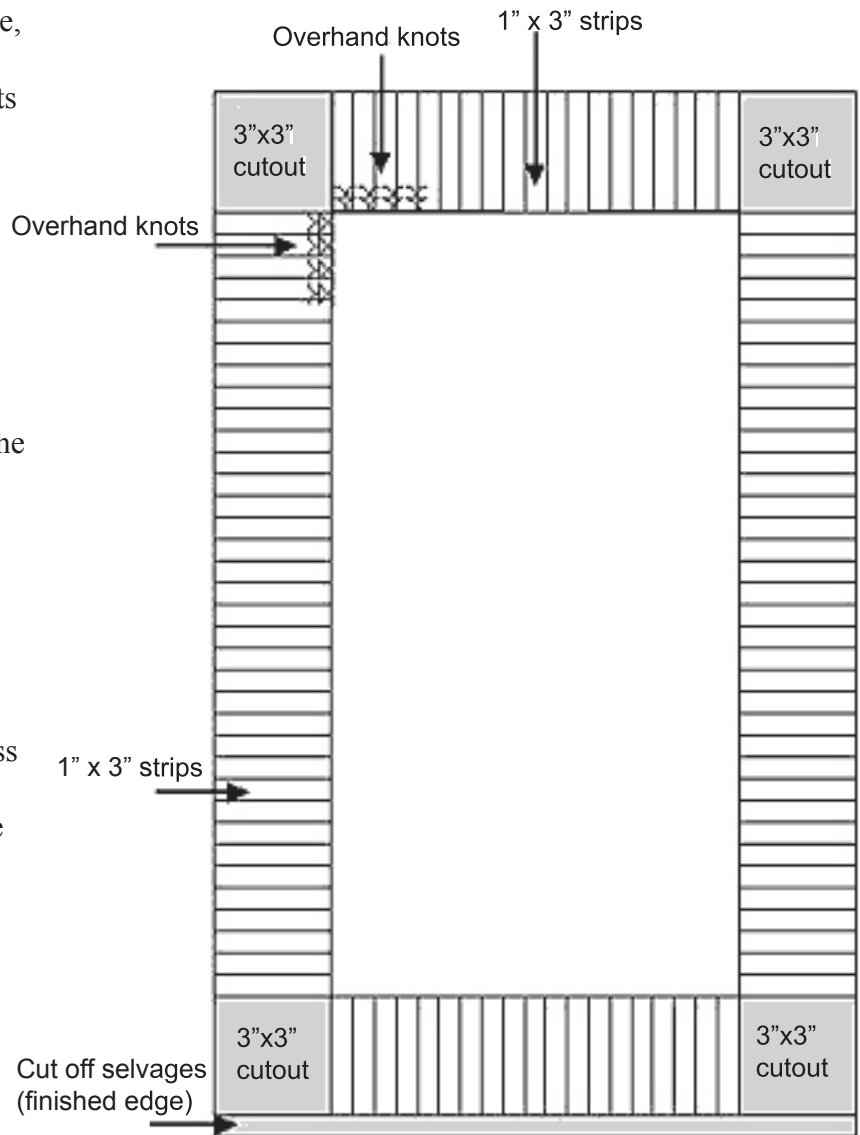
Step 3:

To cut fringe, use good, sharp scissors. Cut a 3x3 inch square off each corner. Cut 3 inch strips, each strip an inch wide. Do this on all sides. Tip: A tongue depressor makes a great guide for cutting even strips. Draw a line across the center of a tongue depressor. Holding the tongue depressor on top of the fabric, align the edge of the blanket with the line drawn on the tongue depressor. Make your cut to the width and half the length of the tongue depressor.

Step 4:

Tie a knot in each fringe strip.

You only need to do these SINGLE thickness. Most of the time, double thickness is TOO heavy for kids.



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