

Project ♥ Linus

Monterey Bay Chapter

Winter 2005

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Blanket Day 2005

From the bottom of my heart I want to wish each of you a belated happy New Year and thank you for your tremendous support in 2004.

Last year the Monterey Chapter of Project Linus delivered 1,138 blankets to children in need. A few of the locations we brought comfort to children were in our local hospitals, shelters, fire departments, American Lung Association, American Red Cross, Kinship Center, social services and Women Crisis Center. In addition to the many facilities that help children, we also gave to children on an individual basis.

Each of you should take great satisfaction in knowing you played a very important role in helping all of these children receive a warm hug when they needed it most. Thank you for giving your time and sharing your skills. Many hands together can make great things happen. Each of you has certainly done just that.

Community involvement is vital to the success of Project Linus and success is exactly what we had at our annual Blanket Day this year. At days end our count was 80 blankets. Fifteen quilts and thirty-five fleece blankets were made at the event. Thirty blankets were dropped off.

I am very pleased and thankful of what we have done together, but even more excited by the growth of Project Linus. I am looking ahead to the comfort we will bring to many children in 2005. Your continued commitment and dedication is truly appreciated and continues to inspire me to serve the children in our community who need a warm hug on what could be a very cloudy day.

Noni McVey

Share your Project Linus Story

Everyone loves to hear a true-life story. If you have had personal contact with or have a story to share about a child that has received a Project Linus blanket, please send your story to me. I will share these stories in the next Newsletter.

New Drop Off

You may now drop your completed blankets off in Marina. The location is:

Your Home Town Sewing Center
215-H Reservation Road,
Marina. 582-2595

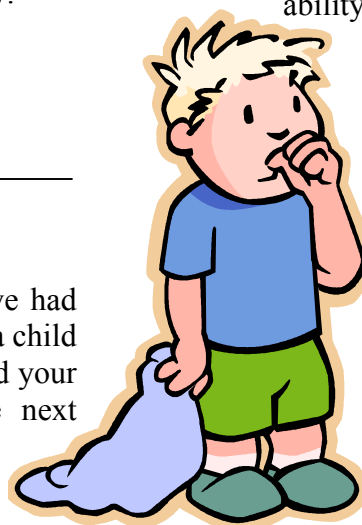
Seasonal Blankets

Holiday blankets are fun to make and yet not always easy to give out. Please help me out by not donating holiday themed blankets.

Why This Philanthropy?

I was recently asked why I like doing philanthropy work for Project Linus. My answer was simple. Project Linus is more than just donating to a cause. Project Linus has allowed me the ability to be directly

involved in addressing the needs of a hurting child. Brooke Astor said, "power is the ability to do good things for others." Project Linus is a powerful philanthropy.



Pastel Afghan

Design courtesy of Designs For America from Solutia

Size: Approximately 51" x 75".

Materials:

Bulky-weight yarn *Jiffy* (100% Acrylic, 115 yards per 2-1/2 oz. skein) by Lion Brand: 17 skeins #315 Detroit. Crochet hook size K/10-1/2 (7mm) **or whatever size needed to get correct gauge**; Yarn Needle.

Gauge: In pat, 3 reps (4 dc into next ch-4 sp, ch 1, skip next sc) = 5". **To save time, take time to check your gauge.**

Afghan

Ch 157.

Foundation Row: (WS) Sc into 2nd ch from hook, *ch 4, sk next 4 ch, sc into next ch; rep from * across. Ch 3, turn.

Row 1: (RS) Sk first sc, *4 dc into next ch-4 sp, ch 1, skip next sc; rep from * across, ending row with 4 dc into next ch-4 sp, dc into last sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2: Sc into first dc, *ch 4, sk next 4 dc, sc into next ch-1 sp; rep from * across, ending row with ch 4, sc into top of turning-ch-3. Ch 3, turn. Repeat Rows 1 and 2 for pat until piece measures approx 75", ending with a Row 2.

Source:

<http://www.thesmartyarns.com/patterns/sept04/pastelafghan.html>

Homespun Knit Afghan

Courtesy of Lion Brand Yarns
For Designs For America from Solutia

Size: Approximately 46" x 59".

Materials:

Bulky-weight yarn *Homespun* (98% Acrilan Acrylic/2% Polyester; 185 yds per 6 oz skein) by Lion Brand: 5 skeins #309 Deco (Col A); 3 skeins #301 Shaker (Col B). Knitting needles size 35/19mm **or size needed to obtain Gauge.**

Gauge: 5 sts = 3" **To save time, take time to check your gauge.**

Notes: Use 2 strands of yarn held together as 1 throughout afghan. Slip stitches as if to purl.

Afghan

Using 2 strands Col A held tog as 1, cast on 75 sts.

Rows 1 & 2: (RS) With Col A, k across.

Row 3: With Col B, k1, *sl 1, k1; rep from * across.

Row 4: With Col B, k1, *sl 1 wyif, k1 wyib; rep from * across.

Rows 5 & 6: With Col A, k across.

Row 7: With Col B, k2, *sl 1, k1; rep from * across to last 3 sts, sl 1, k2.

Row 8: With Col B, k2, *sl 1 wyif, k1 wyib; rep from * across to last 3 sts, sl 1 wyif, k2 wyib.

Rep Rows 1-8 for pat until afghan measures approximately 58"/147.5cm or desired length, ending with a Row 4 or 8. Rep Rows 1 and 2 once; bind off loosely.

Source:

<http://www.thesmartyarns.com/patterns/Oct01/Homespun.html>

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