

Project ♥ Linus

Monterey Bay Chapter

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6th Annual Blanket Day

The 6th Annual Project Linus Blanket Day was a huge success thanks to the generosity of so many.

Approximately 75 focused volunteers arrived on Sunday to make blankets for children in need. Keller Williams Realty once again kindly opened their doors for the event and fed everyone delicious pizza from Allegro's Pizzeria.

Thank you Michele Wilcox from Old Republic Title for the donuts and coffee, which helped all of us get off to a great start. Thank you Bella Broncado from Carmel High School for once again providing 10 sewing machines and the much-needed supplies.

At the end of the day a total of 72 blankets were made. Forty were quilts, one knit and thirty-one were fleece. As Blanketeers arrived, they came bearing gifts of blankets, which totaled 167. The grand total for the day was **239** blankets.

Thank you everyone for making Blanket Day such a tremendous success. Each of you is an inspiration and the true heroes of Project Linus' success.

Sincerely,

Blanket Kits

For those who took a blanket kit home, you may drop your completed blanket off at any one of the following locations:

Beverly's
2090 North Fremont
Monterey

Hand Maden
620 Lighthouse Avenue
Pacific Grove

**Your Home Town
Sewing Center**
215 – H Reservation Road
Marina

Sand Castles by the Sea
3776 The Barnyard
Carmel

More Than Sewing
847 South Main Street
Salinas

Framers Corner
Prunedale Hardware Inc.
8065 San Miguel Canyon Road,
Prunedale (Make note they are just
around the corner from their old
location)

New Blanket Recipients



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Monterey County

The mission of BBBS is to make a positive difference in the lives of children through relationships with caring volunteers who serve as role models, mentors and friends. Founded in 1904, BBBS is a leader in youth mentoring in the United States.

LAVERN SPAROLINI began making blankets for Project Linus Monterey Bay in January 2003. Prior to that Lavern had made blankets for Project Linus in the Bay Area. I am very sorry to report that Lavern died at the age of 89 on January 13, 2007. Lavern made 88 blankets for the Monterey Bay Chapter. Lavern was a truly kind, loving, warm and generous person. While Lavern did knit a few blankets for Project Linus, she was really known for her fleece blankets that had lovely satin binding stitched around the edge of each blanket. Every blanket she gave Project Linus was accompanied by a sweet stuffed animal. I will miss Lavern.

Guidelines

Since the Monterey Chapter of Project Linus has many new “Blanketeers” I thought this would be a good time to remind all of us of the guideline.

A Project Linus blanket must be **new, handmade** and **washable**. It can be any size and any style, but you may want to consider the following sizes and types.

Baby Blankets- Pre-printed panel quilts make excellent baby quilts and they are very easy to finish. They are already made of quilted fabric so all they need is a binding sewn around the edge. One yard of fabric (36”x36” or 36”x42”) makes an acceptable sized baby quilts.

Toddler through Pre-Teen- An average sized blanket is 40”x60”. A cut of fabric is usually 40-42 inches wide - so 1 2/3 yards of a 40-42” wide fabric is the perfect size for a blanket.

Teen-sized Blankets- In order for a blanket to be comfortable for a teenager, it needs to be at least two yards in length. Since polar fleece is 50” wide, a 2-yard piece of fleece makes a nice blanket for a teenager.

Please Wash: All blankets must be washed before they are given to the children. To help in this process, we ask that you wash your blankets before delivering them to a drop box.

Crib- 30 x 45 in

Twin Bed- 63 x 87 in

Double Bed- 78 x 87 in

Queen Bed- 84 x 92 in

Quilts and Tied Comforters-

A quilt is defined as a blanket, which has three layers - a top (which may be pieced or simply a single piece of fabric), batting in the center and backing. In order to keep the batting from shifting, the three layers of the quilt must be secured together. Securing a quilt is accomplished by sewing the three layers together by hand (hand quilting), machine quilting or tying (using yarn or thread to tie the three layers together at various points on the blanket). If yarn is used to tie a blanket, make sure the ends are trimmed to approximately 1” and the knots are secure.

Afghans-

Afghans are made of yarn that is crocheted or knitted into a blanket.

Receiving Blankets- A piece of flannel fabric can be stitched.

Fleece Blankets-

Pieces of polar fleece may be purchased and it takes very little work to create a blanket. Serging, hemming or cutting a fringed edge - which takes no sewing at all, may finish of the edge.

Please no embellishments such as buttons, glitter, beads, sequins, or fabric. These can pose a danger to the child. Elaborate or simple, they are all beautiful to a child. Please only use new fabric..

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