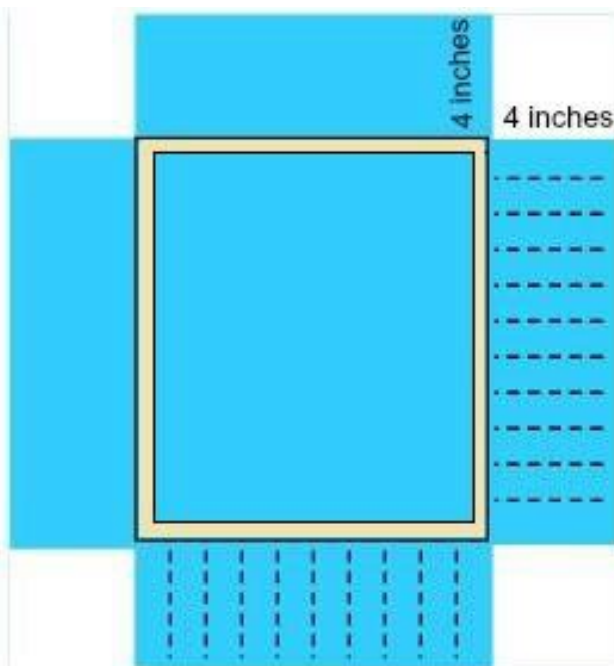


NOTE: if ALL guidelines are NOT met, blankets will not be used for Project Linus. They will be donated elsewhere

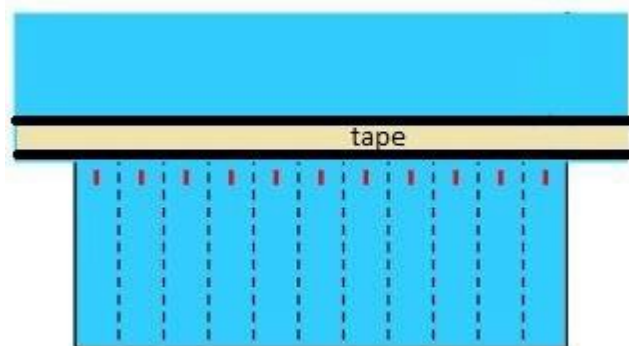
All blankets must be new and homemade. Why? When we say “handmade” or “homemade” we mean something that is not commercially manufactured or purchased. Of course, home sewing machines, knitting machines, etc. are fine. It has always been the mission of Project Linus to donate only handmade blankets. Purchased blankets are nice, but handmade blankets are from the heart. If you do not have the time or ability to hand craft a blanket, perhaps you would consider a monetary donation in the form of a gift card.

FLEECE

- ONLY three types accepted: Blizzard, Polar or Anti-Pill
- ONLY one SINGLE layer and lie flat when finished tying
- Cut the selvage edge
- DO NOT tie the fringes to each other – this causes the blanket not to lie flat
- A crocheted edge is acceptable
- Videos are available on our website or YouTube – please take the time to watch them prior to making a Fleece blanket



- **SINGLE LAYER ONLY**
- **FRINGES NO > THAN 4 INCHES IN LENGTH**
- **DO NOT TIE FRINGES TOGETHER**



QUILTED/KNITTED/CROCHET

- Holes or gaps NO larger than 1 inch in diameter. Why? Holes/gaps any larger could potentially get caught in medical equipment
- Use a soft yarn (i.e. cotton) **NO WOOL**
- Quilts should use low loft batting or no batting

OTHER SPECS

- All four sides MUST be finished the same
- Please use cheerful, child-friendly designs and colors for both boys and girls
- **NO** holiday designs, **NO** wool, **NO** felt or vinyl
- All must be machine washable & dryable.
- Nothing should be attached to the blanket that could cause a choking hazard (i.e. buttons, small removable or tear able items. etc.)
- ALL blankets must be free of any odors, perfumes and/or tobacco smells
 - If a blanket is made in a house w/ a pet, they must be laundered and pet hair removed
 - DO NOT PLACE or STORE blanket in a scented trash bag
- Please check your blanket carefully for any leftover pins
- Please do not use any fabric that has been stored in a damp area or has a musty smell.
 - Mold spores can cause an allergic reaction and can be very difficult to remove

SIZES ACCEPTED: Blankets, like children, come in all sizes. We accept:

Baby: 36" x 36" || Toddler: 35" x 45" || Child: 45" x 60"
Teen: 50" x 75" || Twin: 39" x 75" (or 80") || Forensics Team size is: 48" x 84"

BLANKET(s) DONE/COMPLETED WHAT NEXT?

- Place your blanket and contact info in a paper/plastic grocery bag (**NO scented bag**).
 - What should be listed on the contact info? We usually include, name, email and city/state where it was made. If you have a name/address label, please include that and we'll make sure it gets on the paper tag we attach.
- Drop it off at one of our drop-off sites listed on our website www.projectlinusfrederickmd.org
- Don't have a computer, that's ok call us (240) 446-0512 and we'll arrange for a pick-up

From all of us at Project Linus, THANK YOU for your support!