

How can you help?

MAKE A BLANKET OR QUILT AND DONATE IT TO PROJECT LINUS UK. ALL BLANKETS SHOULD BE HAND MADE AND WASHABLE.

Donate supplies such as threads, 100% cotton fabric, yarn or office supplies which will help to keep us running smoothly.

Project Linus UK is 100% volunteer so we rely on donations. Any fabric and yarn can be passed on to volunteers who perhaps have no materials of their own that they can use.

Any money donated is spent on fabric and not used for admin purposes.



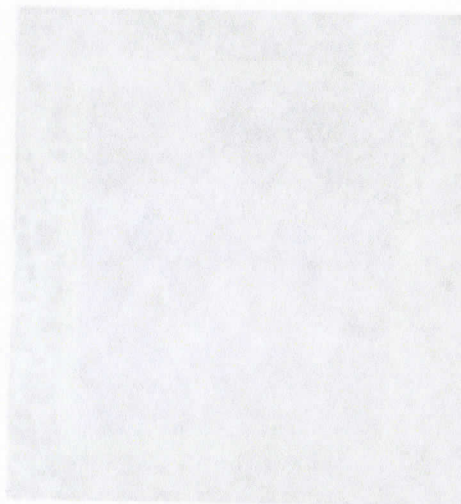
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Project Linus UK



Providing security
through blankets & quilts

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How it all began.

CHRISTMAS EVE 1995, USA. AN ARTICLE APPEARS IN PARADE MAGAZINE ENTITLED 'JOY TO THE WORLD' BY PULITZER PRIZE WINNING PHOTOJOURNALIST EDDIE ADAMS.

Part of the article features a petite, downy haired child. She has been going through intensive chemotherapy and states that her security blanket has helped her through the treatments. Karen Loucks, who had just learned to crochet, decided to provide home-made security blankets to Denver's Rocky Mountain Children's Cancer Centre. Project Linus is born!

Project Linus was named after the security blanket toting character from the Peanuts comic strip. The late Charles Schultz, its creator, was pleased to have Linus inspire blanket and quilt makers to help sick and traumatised children.

Project Linus came to the UK in March 2000, when it was found that there were no branches on this side of the Atlantic, and continues to grow.

All blankets and quilts donated to Project Linus UK remain in the UK and do not go abroad. Blankets and quilts made by volunteers are used in the area where they are made.

What kind of blanket?

PROJECT LINUS WELCOMES ALL HAND MADE BLANKETS AND QUILTS. WHETHER YOU KNIT, QUILT, HAND SEW OR MACHINE SEW – WE WELCOME YOUR DONATION.

They should range in size from 50cm x 50cm (20" x 20") for premature babies or 100cm x 150cm (40" x 60") for a bigger child. The most popular size is 1m x 1m (40" x 40"), and in child-friendly colours.

The size is not crucial, as they go to children of all ages.

We just ask that knitted blankets are of a tight pattern rather than lacey, as small fingers or medical equipment can get caught in the holes and no embellishments such as bows and buttons, which can come off and be swallowed.



What happens next?

ONCE WE RECEIVE YOUR BLANKET OR QUILT, IT IS CHECKED AND THEN PREPARED FOR DELIVERY. A PROJECT LINUS LABEL IS SEWN ONTO EVERY QUILT AND BLANKET BEFORE IT IS GIVEN TO A CHILD, AND IT'S THEIRS TO KEEP.

Deliveries are made according to how many we have received and where they are needed. Occasionally, we have requests on behalf of individual children who may be seriously ill and being cared for at home.

Originally targeting paediatric cancer patients, Project Linus has broadened its focus towards seriously ill, abused or traumatised children - children in need of a big hug.

Up to March 2013, 289,112 blankets and quilts have been delivered countrywide, approximately 350 in Lancashire alone this year.

