

## How can you help?

### Become a Blanketeer

Make a blanket, quilt or afghan and donate it to the Western Arkansas chapter. We will deliver your blanket to a deserving child.

### Become a Drop-off site

Drop-off sites are local businesses or community areas that are convenient for our Blanketeers and donors to drop off their donations. Volunteers will come by and pick up those items on a regular basis.

### Donate your time

- Organize a Make a Blanket Day
- Pick up donated blankets
- Deliver finished blankets

### Donate other gifts

- Fabric and yarn that are new, unused, washable and free of contaminants, such as smoke or pet hair, are welcome.
- We prefer cotton/poly blend fabrics and fleece at least 1.5 yards long.
- Monetary gifts are used for fabric, fleece, yarn, and blanket labels.

## Calling all Blanketeers!

### Who are Blanketeers?

Youth groups	Individuals
Individuals	Scout troops
Sewing guilds	Civic groups

Anyone who likes to sew, quilt, knit, crochet, or tie fleece!

### Drop-off sites:

- Central Sewing Center (Green Pointe)
- Crooked Creek Quilt Shop (Greenwood)
- Joann Fabrics (Rogers Ave)

### Recipients include children at:

- Children's Shelter
- CASA of Crawford County
- 188th Airman & Family Readiness
- Mercy NICU
- Next Step Day Room
- Boys Shelter
- Girls Shelter
- Hannah House
- Heart to Heart Pregnancy Center
- Hamilton House
- Monarch61
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- Individual families

The more blankets we collect,  
the more children we can support!

**Project ♥ Linus**  
Providing Security Through Blankets

Providing love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "Blanketeers"



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## Blanket Guidelines

### New, Handmade, Washable

We accept handmade quilts, blankets and afghans for children up to 18 years old. They should be crafted from age-appropriate fabric or yarn and contain no buttons or decoration. Low loft batting is preferred, and finished blankets should withstand frequent washing.

### Recommended Sizes

Baby	30"x30" or 36"x36"
6-12 yrs old	40"x60"
13-18 yrs old	45"x72"

### Recommended Fleece Yardage

6-12 yrs old	1.5 yards per layer
13-18 yrs old	2 yards per layer

### Afghans

- Use small crochet hooks or knitting needles and soft baby yarn
- For larger hooks, consider making teen-sized afghans
- Weave in all yarn ends

### Quilts

- Make from cotton or flannel
- Secure batting into outer seams or tie/quilt every 4"

## General Guidelines for Fleece Blankets

### Preparing Fleece Blankets

- Before fringing, cut off the selvages.
- Cut out corners before cutting fringe.
- Cut fringe straight and consistently, all the same length, all the same width.
- If more than one person is cutting the fringe, be sure everyone cuts the same width and length.

Single-layer fleece blankets without knots are for our 6-18 year old hospital children, and knotted fleece (single or double layer) blankets can be shared with our other children.

We don't share knotted blankets with hospitals because knots can get caught in tubing, wires and bed rails. They can be uncomfortable for children to lay on and can cause bed sores.

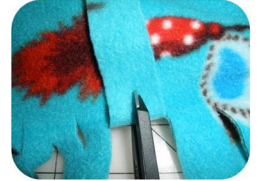
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## Single Layer Fleece

### Pulled-Through Edge

- Cut 4" squares from corners.
- Make 4" deep cuts, 1" apart from each other all of the way around the material.
- Fold each strip up to where it meets the body of the blanket and cut a small hole in the middle of the strip.
- Pull the strip through the hole and tighten. Repeat all the way around.



## Double Layer Fleece

### Looped Edge

- Cut 6" squares from corners.
- Make 6" deep cuts, 1" apart from each other all of the way around the material.
- Keeping both layers of fabric together, loop the tab to the right and then over itself.
- Come back through the hole and straight

