

Project Linus

Charles County MD Chapter

We are a community of volunteers whose mission is to provide new, handmade blankets to **children suffering from serious illness, trauma, or otherwise in need**. We accept a variety of **handmade blankets, quilts, and afghans** made from clean, machine washable, and dryable fabrics -- cotton, flannel, and fleece -- and yarns. **ANY** purchased blankets must have some sort of embellishment, border, or appliqué to make them acceptable as handmade blankets. Project Linus silkies are sewn onto every blanket donation. Project Linus blankets should **never** be sold, raffled, or used as “gifts” for children or adults.

We will gladly accept most of your unwanted or excess fabric and yarn. As blankets, material, and yarn deteriorate over time especially if stored in non-temperate conditions (e.g., attics, basements, and garages), **ALL donations of blankets, fabric, and yarn must be clean, in good condition, free of debris and animal hair, and without musty or noxious odors**. We do not accept old, poorly kept, smell-ridden, dirty, and / or previously used blankets or material.

We offer **two blanket drop-off locations**. Make sure your handmade blankets or other items are designated for Project Linus, placed in bags, and include your contact information.

MATERIAL GIRLS QUILT BOUTIQUE

6750 B Crain Hwy, La Plata, MD 20646

Hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am-5:30pm & Sat

9:30am-3:00pm | materialgirlsqUILT.com

CLARK SENIOR CENTER

1210 Charles Street, La Plata, MD 20646

Hours: Mon-Fri (except holidays),

9:00am-4:00pm - Box located at front entrance.

What size blanket is needed? Many of you have asked what size blanket to make. As children come in a variety of shapes and sizes, the following are suggested sizes, not a requirement.

Suggested Blanket Sizes

Infant 25" x 35"

Toddler 35" x 45"

Child 40" x 60"

Teen 60" x 72"

Reminders about blanket donations...



Please DO...

- ✓ Use **NEW** machine washable, dryable fabrics.
- ✓ Trim **ALL** selvage (i.e., edges of fabric) **PRIOR** to making blankets.
- ✓ Leave your contact information with your blankets if you drop off at one of our location bins.
- ✓ Launder **ANY** blankets exposed to pets to remove pet hair and/or dander.

Please DO NOT...

- ✗ **EXPOSE THE BLANKETS TO CIGARETTE SMOKE.**
- ✗ **Attach bells, bows, buttons, snaps, ribbons or anything that could come off and harm a child. Ribbons woven around blanket edges look beautiful, but are a hazard and will have to be removed.**
- ✗ **Use wool, polyester double knits, upholstery or vinyl in the blankets.**