

Blanket Drive

The RI SAMBOREE is recruiting "Blanketeers" for our 2012 Blanket Drive to benefit Project Linus

Project Linus is a nationwide non-profit organization that provides blankets for children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need. Blankets are collected locally and distributed to children in hospitals, shelters, social service agencies, or anywhere that a child might be in need of a big hug!

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RI SAMBOREE guests can get involved by knitting, crocheting, quilting blankets for donation and bringing them to the Samboree. Children and new crafters can participate also by making no-sew fleece blankets. Visit the Project Linus Facebook page to learn more about the important work this organization is doing around the nation.

So what are you waiting for? Here are some resources to help your get started on your blankets.

Blanket Guidelines:

Blankets can be crocheted, knitted, quilted or sewn. Any method is acceptable.

Choose a soft, washable fabric or soft acrylic yarn. Colors should be age appropriate, colorful, bright and cheerful.

Here are some approximate sizes (these are guidelines only, not absolutes):

Newborn baby – 25 by 30 -35

Toddler – 35 by 40 – 45

Child – 40 by 60

Teen – 50 x 72

Finished blankets should be stored in a pet free, smoke free environment.

Patterns:

Suggested patterns from Project Linus National Headquarters – <http://www.projectlinus.org/links.html>

PL Phoenix West Valley Chapter Patterns (PDF files) – <http://www.prjlinus-phxwestvalley.org/Pattern.html>

Fleece Blanket Patters (including "no-sew" options) – <http://www.linusidaho.org/finishafleeceblanket.htm>

There is a Project Linus chapter in Rhode Island, and the blankets donated at the RI Samboree will stay here in the state.