

BLANKET MAKING GUIDELINES

Minimum Size: 24" X 24" (preemies)... larger is better (30" x30")

Babies: 36" X 36" is good... variations are fine.

All sizes beyond these measurements are needed...up to teenagers 42"X 60"

These are just guidelines...whatever you make will be sent to the children.

Quilts:

When choosing fabric combinations... consider colors together, and size relative to finished quilt. That is, babyish prints and colors should be made in appropriate sizes for babies or young children. Blankets for elementary school age children a little larger in colors and style appealing to them. Blankets for teenagers should be still larger ... in fabric designs, color, and sizes attractive to older children...no babyish designs. Quilt layers must be attached-either by machine or with hand-tied knots. Do not use heavy yarn for knots causing hard knots after washing.

Envelope or pillowcase style:

Wash, dry, and iron fabric if necessary. Do **not** use scented fabric softeners.

Remove selvage edges.

Match top and bottom fabrics. Cut batting to fit, pin together.

Put top and bottom pieces right sides together... place batting next to the wrong side of bottom piece. Pin the three layers together. Do not stretch batting... it will go back to its original size later.

Machine sew-pillowcase style, turn, sew opening closed.

Tie with yarn or machine quilt.

Bound edge style:

Sandwich the three layers with the batting inside the top and bottom pieces (right sides out). Pin together.

Either machine outline-stitch designs (through all 3 layers)
or tie with yarn.

Finish the outer edges with binding.

Sew on Project Linus silk label and add your name tag .. tied on with yarn .with a bow.

Crochet or Knitting:

Light colors are best for preemies and small babies.

Be sure the baby blankets do not have large open holes for little hands, feet or hospital equipment to get caught.

Tail of yarn should be woven back in.

FLEECE:

Best to make with one layer of fleece ...two layers are too heavy for most of our needs.