

Project ♥ Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

Williamson, Travis, & Hays Counties of Texas

We provide children with blankets full of hugs.

Project Linus Blanketeer Newsletter April 2010 Volume 2, Issue 4

Please *R.S.V.P.* if you are planning on attending our April meeting (North Group only meets this month) to Helen Bokman, hbokman@sbcglobal.net.

Next Meeting Date:

April 17, 2010: 10:00 am-3:00 pm

North Meeting Location:

203 Industrial Blvd.
Cedar Park, TX 78613

**South Meeting Cancelled
for April!!!**

A message from Project Linus Coordinator, Anita Howe

Do you find yourself looking at lighter and brighter material and yarn these days? Some people don't think too much about blankets when the weather gets warmer, but for me, I just start thinking about lightweight sports yarn and cottons with fabulous spring prints!

We give all types of handmade blankets to traumatized children: fleece, quilts, crocheted, and knitted blankets. We have donated a total of 807 blankets so far this year. Project Linus has provided blankies free of charge to Angelheart, ARC of the Capital, American Red Cross, Austin Travis County MHMR Center, Communities in School, Dell Childrens' Hospital, Hope Alliance, Infant-Parent Program, KidTherapy, Sickle Cell Association of Austin, March of Dimes, Marywood, Ronald McDonald House, Round Rock Police Department, Roxanne's House, Safeplace, Sammy's House, Texas Baptist Childrens' Home, Wonders and Worries, Williamson County Childrens' Advocacy Center, and Williamson County Sheriff's Office Victim Center.

It is true that we have more requests for blankets in the colder months, but the love we put into our blankets is for all seasons, and it wraps itself around the children no matter the temperature outside.

So. What's your next blanket going to look like?



Join us and make a difference
in a child's life.

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News and Notes

We repeat ourselves to remind you that our South group is not meeting this month. We will be meeting on May 15th from 10am to 3pm at the new location in Manchaca Baptist Church, 215 FM 1626, Manchaca TX 78652

Important Reminders for Blanketeers

- Please include your name, address or email with your blanket(s), so we will know whom to thank.
- Please wash your blanket (if possible) before turning it in.
- Be especially careful about checking for pins if you use them in the construction of your blankets.
- Please make sure when using yarn to securely tie off the ends and weave them into the blanket.
- No embellishments such as buttons, glitter or anything that will come off because small children put things in their mouth.

A suggested label format to include with each blanket donated:

<Your Name>
<Street Number / Street Name>
<City, State, Zip>
<Email Address>

Here are our 'volunteer staff.' Many more contribute as well!

Position/Committee

- Project Linus Coordinator, Williamson / Travis/Hays Counties
- Assistant Coordinator-South
- Assistant Coordinator-North
- Chapter Communications
- Community Outreach Representative, Williamson / Travis / Hays Counties
- Special Events Coordinators

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Pat Beachy, pkbeachy@austin.rr.com (*Welcome, Pat!*)

Blanket Drop-Off Locations

We appreciate the generous assistance of these businesses. They accept blankets from those who want to make blankets but don't get to our meetings. Taking in blankets interrupts their

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business day, and takes up space until we get there to collect them. We hope you'll think of them when you're shopping.

Austin Sew & Vac

Mike and Robyn Smith
1401 S. I-35, Ste #170
Round Rock, TX 78664
(512) 310-7349

Austin Sew & Vac South

8213 Brodie Lane
Austin, TX 78745
(512) 899-8176

B & B Quilting and Gifts

Nancy Brinkley & Lori Beckers
107 S. Austin Steet
Buda, TX 78610
www.bbquilting.com
(512)312-2299

Classica, Inc.

Heide Fowler
820 South Austin Ave.
Georgetown, Texas 78628
(512) 778-9398
www.DisplayYourArt.com

Learning Express Toys

Joe and Mary Theriot
Gateway Market
9607 Research Blvd, Ste 110
Austin, TX 78759
(512) 795-9770

Poppy Quilt 'N Sew

Anita Brockell
4106 Williams Drive (RM 2338)
Georgetown, TX 78628
(512)863-6108
www.poppyquiltsew.com

The Knitting Nest

Stacy Klaus
160 W. Slaughter Lane, Ste 200
Austin, TX 78748
(512) 294-8866
www.theknittingnestaustin.com

Raney House Quilts

Madilyn Dunlap
3253 Williamson Rd. (Co. Rd. 177)
Lockhart, TX 78644-2287
(512)376-5990
www.raneyhousequilts.com

Project Linus respects your privacy We don't share your email address or contact information with anyone outside our organization. To remove your name from our mailing list, contact jan_texas@yahoo.com

If you have questions or comments, Anita Howe at ahowe@sellsaustinhomes.com is our chapter coordinator.

To visit the Williamson/Travis/Hays County Project Linus website online, go to www.orgsites.com/tx/austinlineus/. The national Project Linus organization's website is located at www.projectlinus.org/

Quilters—

Please save barcodes from all Hobbs batting that you purchase and give them to your meeting coordinator or contact us and we'll give you a mailing address. We can redeem them for discounts on batting for Project Linus blankets.



Ideas

http://www.marthastewart.com/how-to/knitted-neck-scarf?backto=true#slide_0



All year long, Project Linus volunteers also work on non-blanket craft projects. We sell the items at local craft fairs (often organizers give us free space) and the proceeds fund our supplies for the year. If you have something you make that works well as a bazaar item, we would be grateful if you'd care to share. From time to time, your editor will share non-blanket patterns here. Many of our volunteers are avid crafters and perhaps if we inspire you a bit, you'll share the goodies. Above is a pattern that is a quick knit and makes a delightful scarf.

As you may know, each and every one of our blankets is labeled with a Project Linus label. We check donated blankets for pet hair, cigarette smoke, etc., and wash them if necessary. Then they're each bagged individually and a poem we've mentioned before is included. So far in 2010, we've given away over 800 blankets! That's a lot of plastic bags. Our fundraising activities support buying bags, labels, and the other items necessary to our work. All of our "work" is done by unpaid volunteers. (And it's the labor of love.)



http://www.naturallycaron.com/projects/spice_island/spice_island_4.html

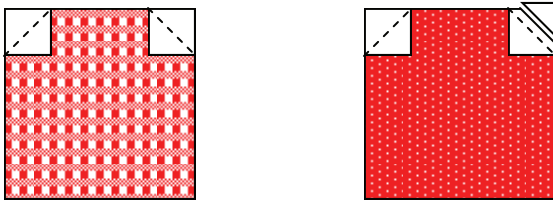
Got a favorite crochet, knit, or quilting pattern you'd care to share (and still be mindful of copyright laws)? Email jan_texas@yahoo.com

Happy Hearts Quilt Block

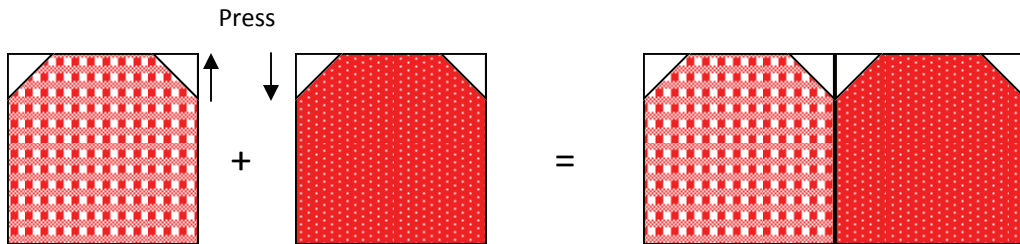
	12 1/2" unfinished (12" finished)	6 1/2" unfinished (6" finished)	3 1/2" unfinished (3" finished)
4 white squares	2 1/2" square	1 1/4" square	3/4" square
2 red squares	6 1/2" square	3 1/2" square	2" square
1 red square	6 7/8" square	3 7/8" square	2 3/8" square
1 white square	6 7/8" square	3 7/8" square	2 3/8" square

(Can use 2 shades of red in top quadrants and the same two shades opposite in bottom quadrants OR you can use 4 different shades)

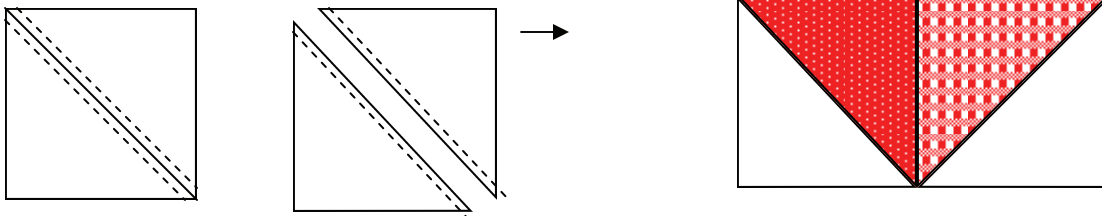
- With right sides together, place white 2 1/2" squares on the upper corners of the two red 6 1/2" squares. Draw a line from corner to corner as pictured and sew on that line. Then cut off each corner 1/4" from seam. Make two.



- Press one center corner seam up and one down for perfect center points. Sew the two squares together.



- Place a 6 7/8" white square and a 6 7/8" red square right sides together and draw a pencil line from corner to corner and sew 1/4" on each side of the pencil line. Cut on pencil line. Open and press one toward the dark and one toward the light for perfect points when sewn. Then sew the 2 red/white squares together as pictured. (Make 2 sets of half-square triangles using two different red prints and two white print squares if you plan to have the bottom two half-square triangles different. This will make 4 half-square triangles. Use the extra two squares for the next block.)



- Press center seam of top half toward right and center seam of bottom half of heart toward left. Then sew together creating a Happy Heart block.

