

Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

Williamson, Travis, & Hays Counties of Texas

We provide children with blankets full of hugs.

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Next Meeting

March 19, 2011: 10:00 am-3:00 pm

North Meeting Location:
203 Industrial Blvd.
Cedar Park, TX 78613

South Meeting Location:
Manchaca Baptist Church
215 FM 1626
Manchaca TX 78652



News

As a fundraiser for our bagging supplies, etc., Anita Howe has chosen a popular restaurant gift card. For \$20 the buyer gets \$50 dollars' worth of food at a lengthy list of Austin eateries. Participating restaurants can be checked out by visiting www.restaurant.com/available.asp on the internet. Cards will be available for members to sell at the meetings this Saturday. If you're interested in purchasing one and don't attend meetings, you can call Anita at (512)963-3015.

Purchasers go online at <http://fundraising.restaurant.com> and redeem each \$20 card for \$50 worth of certificates that are available from over 14,000 restaurants nationwide.

Project Linus will award a \$25 gas card to the member who sells the most cards.



Enough with bagging and working! Jean Bishop wants to do something more creative on this coming Saturday's south meeting. She asks that members bring a "show and tell" of a technique they use or a project they're working on to share that others might enjoy. A dish-to-share is optional but appreciated.



Caron SimplySoft® has a contest that our crocheters and knitters may enjoy entering:

Why Do You Love Simply Soft®?

You can continue to enter every day until March 25. Just tell them why you love Simply Soft® and you might win six skeins of your favorite soft yarn. www.caron.com/why_i_love_simply_soft.html

*Why I Love
Simply Soft®*



Ms. Shirley Hartman's class at Covington Middle School donated 34 fleece blankets this month. This has become a tradition with them and we are very proud that they support Project Linus. Our warmest thanks to Ms. Hartman and her rockin' students!

As always, we need teen-sized blankets, both for boys and girls. (A favorite method to get a good-sized blanket quickly is to take a single layer of 1.5—2 yards of colorful fleece, edge it in and of the variety of ways we've talked about before, and voila! Check out www.linusidaho.org/finishafleeceblanket.htm for some great fleece-finishing ideas.)

We've also had a recent run on infant sizes of blankies and will put more of those to good use.



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Here's a 'goodie'! Austin Modern Quilt Guild is helping Project Linus by making quilts to donate and has shared a link to a quilt pattern designed by Laura Pearce, one of their officers. Check it out at http://rapidshare.com/files/451922455/AMQG_Charity_Quilt_Pattern.pdf.



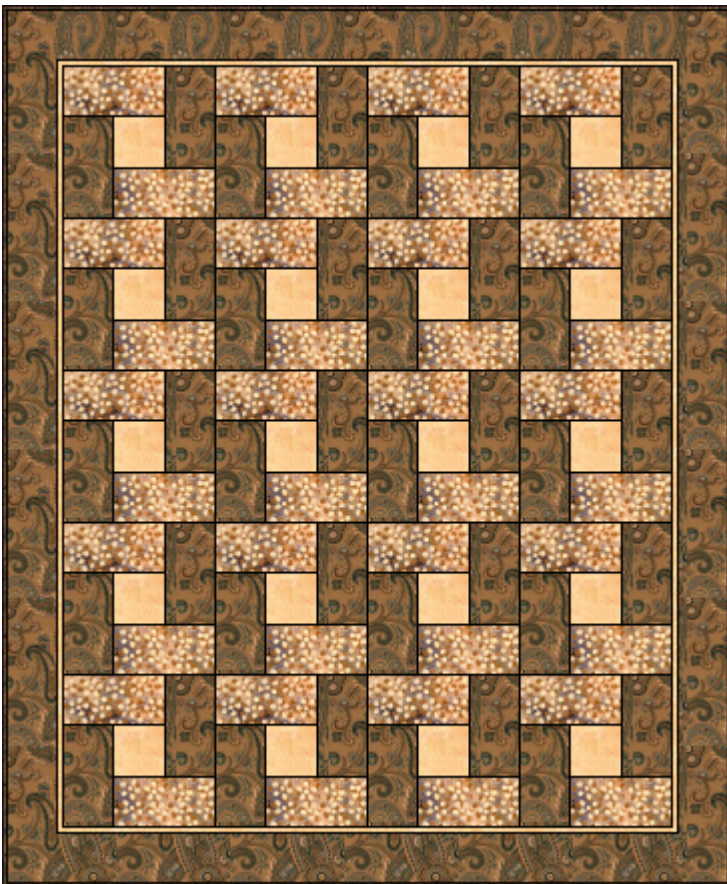
Please remember the ongoing request from Dell Children's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for ~30 handmade flannel receiving blankets (~36"×36") per month. Please keep them coming! (And, *Thanks!*)

Make a Blanket Day 2011

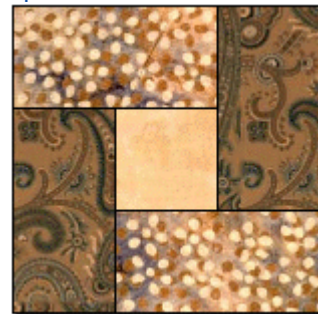
The winner of the sewing machine raffle this year was Toni Aguirre. Toni and her mom, Minnie Castilleja are valued volunteers at our south location and made *boatloads* of blankets, as they have for several years, hoping to win the machine. Cheers for Toni and Minnie!



Blankie Ideas



Comes with easy strip piecing directions. Wouldn't this be darling in kid colors? And the author says *3 Blocks × 4 Blocks with a 2" border makes a perfect Project Linus Sized Quilt* www.quilterscache.com/T/TwistBlock.html



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Love crochet? Here are bunches of squares : <http://allcrafts.net/crochet/crochetsquares.htm>



Amber Waves

[http://priscillascrochet.net/free_patterns/Afghan Squares/Amber Waves Afghan Square.pdf](http://priscillascrochet.net/free_patterns/Afghan_Squares/Amber_Waves_Afghan_Square.pdf)



Iris afghan

www.dailyknitter.com/iris.html

The usual requests: If you make blankets for us, please...

- Include your name, address or email with your blanket(s), so we will know whom to thank.
- Wash your blanket (if possible) before turning it in.
- If you've made a fleece blanket, please be sure the selvages are trimmed off.
- Please do not make your blankets out of tapestry, burlap, upholstery fabric, 70's-type double-knits, felt, vinyl, wool, or wool yarn. Please do not use fabric that has been stored in a damp area or has a musty smell. Mold spores can

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cause an allergic reaction in a child and are very difficult to remove from the fabric. We regret that blankets smelling of smoke or having pet hair on them cannot be accepted.

- Be especially careful about checking for pins if you use them in the construction of your blankets.
- Make sure when knitting or crocheting to securely tie off yarn 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 mouths.
- A suggested label format to include with each blanket donated:
<Your Name>. <Street Number / Street Name>, <City, State, Zip>, <Email Address>

Places to leave blankets..

Thanks to these businesses which support our efforts by collecting blankets from blanketeers who don't attend meetings. And thanks for using them. Any way we can get more blankets is terrific!

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

Glassica, 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.poppyquiltnew.com

The Knitting Nest

Stacy Klaus
Recent address change—
8708 Congress Avenue, Ste. 570
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

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Food for Thought

Although the world is full of suffering, it is full also of the overcoming of it.

Helen Keller (1880 - 1968)

If we have the opportunity to be generous with our hearts, ourselves, we have no idea of the depth and breadth of love's reach.

Margaret Cho

There's no trick to being a humorist when you have the whole government working for you. Will Rogers (1879-1935)

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Find us as "Project Linus of Williamson, Travis, & Hays Counties, Texas"

Project Linus Contacts...

Position/Committee

- Project Linus Coordinator, Williamson / Travis/Hays Counties
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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/austinlinus/. 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.



Our local website has 'archive' copies of our newsletters. In each one there are knitting, crochet, and quilting ideas for blankets.