

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

May 21, 2011: 10:00 am-3:00 pm

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

***South Group is
not meeting in May!***



News

Another urgent need arose from out-of-state: the national Project Linus office called late last month after the tornados in Alabama. We had a sufficient supply of blankets to participate in their call for blankets to send to Tuscaloosa and sent 110 blankies eastward for victims of that terrible storm. We are so grateful to be able to help in times like these. Normally our blankets stay in central Texas and none of our local blanket recipients will be shortchanged when we are called on for causes like these. Thanks to all whose efforts make this work!

Our Project Linus chapter also represents Hays County and Jan Everett is working to locate agencies that would use blankets for children in crisis there. If you know of any, please contact Jan at jan_texas@yahoo.com. Recently, the Buda Police Department joined our ranks after Jan called on them to offer blankets. Welcome, Buda PD!



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!*)

Our 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 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 business folks who support our efforts by collecting blankets from blanketeters 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

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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.poppyquiltnsew.com

The Knitting Nest

Stacy Klaus
Recent address change—
8708 Congress Avenue, Ste. 570
Austin, TX 78748
(512) 294-8866
www.theknittingnестаustin.com

Project Linus Contacts...

Position/Committee

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

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/austinlinus/. The national Project Linus organization's website is located at www.projectlinus.org/

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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.



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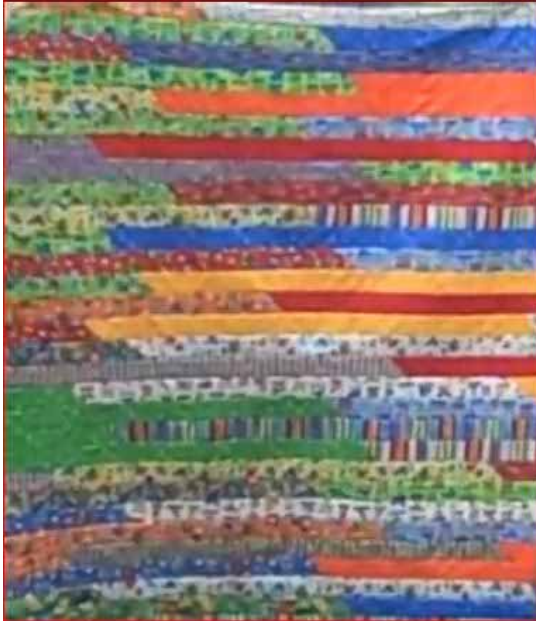
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Here are some great quilty ideas that will use up scraps cut into 2½” strips: the jellyroll quilt. A “jellyroll” is quilting terminology for sample packs of fabric collections that quilters purchase to get a variety of prints. The strips are wrapped and tied with a ribbon in jellyroll fashion. But you can cut your own and use up scraps, too!



Instructions and a cute video at : <http://blog.heirloomcreations.net/?p=1897>
And search “Jellyroll, quilt” on YouTube for more great ideas for 2½” strips!



Jellyroll 1600

AKA ‘Lasagna Quilt’

Bundle of Joy →

http://www.freepatterns.com/detail.html?code=FK00022&cat_id=365



← Scrapy Steps Afghan

<http://www.freewebs.com/bethintx/scrappystepsafghan.htm>