

Project Linus of East TN

Frequently Asked Questions and General Information

Packaging blankets for drop off:

When packaging blankets for drop off, please review these guidelines:

- Put them in a plastic bag preferably that can be tied at the top (more than 1 in a bag is fine!)
- Put your name in the bag with the # of blankets included
- Put a piece of tape or note on the outside of the bag that says "Project Linus"
- Do not use a STRAIGHT pin to attach anything to the bag/blanket
- Do NOT use scented bags

PINS!!!! Please take extra care in checking your blankets for pins. We double check them, too, but we've had a few show up lately.

Thank You Notes: We can't print all of the thank you notes in the newsletter, but you can find them on our website at <https://projectlinuseasttn.org/thank-you-notes/>.

Project Linus Patterns: We usually have a FREE quilt pattern available for a limited time at the Project Linus (national) Store!! Go to projectlinus.org then click on STORE, Blanket Quilt Kits & Patterns, Instant Downloads, and then Other Patterns. Remember these free patterns are only available for a short time period. When the next one comes out, this one will be reasonably priced and still available in the store. There are also patterns on our chapter website: [https://projectlinuseasttn.org/link to patterns/](https://projectlinuseasttn.org/link-to-patterns/)

Project Linus Store: Check out the store for Project Linus items to be purchased such as t-shirts, skip-stitch blades, pens, sewing notions, etc. projectlinus.org then click on STORE

Help Project Linus of East TN by shopping at Kroger: For more information and to sign-up go to: <http://www.projectlinuseasttn.org/home/kroger> This does NOT cost you anything, you still get your Kroger Rewards Points AND you get to help PL of East TN, too! If you THINK you've signed up, please check the bottom of your Kroger receipt. If it doesn't say Project Linus of East TN, please sign up again or ask for assistance at the Kroger Customer Service desk. We earn over \$400 a year thanks to the volunteers that sign up for this.

Fabric and Yarn Donations: We will not accept patterns/books/copies, crochet hooks/knitting needles. Fabric that is 5 years or older will not be accepted. Even if it's newer than 5 years, we will not accept fabric if it is musty, smells of smoke, or has animal hair. We also will not accept buttons, hooks, and other misc sewing supplies. We can not expect our drop off locations to store these items until we pick them up and we do not have individuals that generally want these items in their Project Linus volunteer work. Some of these items have been dropped off in boxes/bags that weigh 30 lbs or more. One box recently weighed over 50 lbs. Fabric should be in bags that weigh 10 lbs or less. Fabric should be in child friendly colors and prints

cotton/cotton blend/flannel/fleece. All fabric should be half yard pieces or larger. Yarn should be washable cotton blends and/or acrylic and in child friendly colors. Your help in adhering to these guidelines will be appreciated.

Donations of Quilt Tops: We understand that not all of you have the means to be able to get your quilt tops quilted for your donation to Project Linus. While we have the resources to do so, we will continue to do this. How can you help?

- Please make sure your quilt top is completely finished and stitching is secure.
- Backing should be provided with the quilt top. Backing should be at least 4" larger (5 or more inches is better) on all 4 sides (8" more than the total width and 8" more than the total length of the quilt top)
- If backing is in 2 pieces, please sew it together and press it before donation.
- Batting does NOT need to be provided. However, financial donations to cover the cost of batting will be greatly appreciated.
- Please provide binding to go with the quilt – 2 ½ inch in width and a foot longer than the total of the 4 sides of the quilt top. Binding should be sewn together in one long piece.
- All materials should be folded neatly and put in one bag. Include a note with your name and "top to be quilted" in the bag.

We value the beautiful quilt tops you make for our children in traumatic situations. We also so appreciate our "long armers" Barb Knight and Leona Williams that are quilting for us and our "binding queen" Kim Mosier for all of their help.

Drop off Locations are available on the website at: <https://projectlinuseasttn.org/blanket-drop-off-points/>

Blanket Sizes: <https://projectlinuseasttn.org/guidelines/>

Blanket Needs: We communicate needs in the newsletter and on Facebook. However, we can always use teen size blankets up to twin bed size, Hugs for Heroes Blankets, and we usually need more boy gender blankets.

What are Hugs for Heros Blankets: <https://projectlinuseasttn.org/military/hugs-for-heros/>

Wish List

- Stamps and Gas Cards
- We NEED \$\$\$: We always welcome financial donations to help with PL expenses including publishing the newsletter, brochures, buying labels for the blankets, mailing blankets such as those for the Snowball Express program. If you want to make a donation, please send it to Deb. We'd prefer a gift card (Staples, Target, Walmart, , K-Mart, etc.), check made out to Project Linus or cash.
- Online Donations can be made at the national website: www.projectlinus.org Be sure to scroll down to the comment box and designate the Project Linus of East TN chapter as the recipient for your donation.
- Remember Project Linus is a 501c3 Non-Profit Organization. Be sure to check with your tax advisor regarding applicable tax deductions.

Project Linus of East Tennessee: Drop-off Spots for Blankets

We are no longer listing store hours. They change too often. If you are unsure, please contact the store for their hours or check their website.

- **West Knoxville/Farragut:** **First Farragut United Methodist Church**, 12733 Kingston Pk, Farragut @ Dixie Lee Jct. in Church Office
- **Knoxville:** **JoAnn's** 276 Morrell Rd. Knoxville, TN (After 8/1/22) and 4627 Greenway Dr., Knoxville, TN (give blankets to employee or customer service desk)
- **Oak Ridge:** The Unitarian Universalist Church, 809 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge
<http://www.oruuc.org/>
- **Blount County:** Twisted Sisters at 424 Marilyn Lane, Alcoa, TN 37701. Ph: (865) 980-0950
www.twisted SISTERS quiltshop.com
- **Roane County/Harriman:** **Loose Threads** at 1211 South Roane St. #5, Harriman, TN 37748 **865-882-5588** <http://www.loosethreadsquiltshop.com/> Take exit 347 off of I-40 and turn right towards Harriman.
- **Cumberland County:** The Yarn Patch, 68 North Main Street, Crossville TN 38555, 931-707-1255, www.yarnpatch.com
- **Sevier County/Sevierville/Pigeon Forge:** **JoAnn's** 208 Collier Dr. Sevierville, TN (Governor's Crossing) (give blankets to employee or customer service desk)
- **Madisonville:** Madisonville Public Library, 240 Houston Street., Madisonville, TN 37354
- **Blankets can be mailed directly to Project Linus Coordinator Deb Miller at 365 Dean Dr., Ten Mile, TN 37880.**

Please be sure to put blankets in a tied plastic bag with a note IN the bag with the number of blankets and name of the person/organization donating the blankets. Please be sure to check blankets carefully and ensure all PINS are removed. Contact Deb Miller with questions or to make special arrangements for blanket drop-off/pick-up. Deb@ProjectLinusEastTN.org or 865 719-2862.

Drop Off Locations Revised January 1, 2024

Where/When Do You Meet?

We set up sewing days usually every month at locations around East TN including Loose Threads in Harriman, Twisted Sisters Quilt Shop in Alcoa and Faith Harvest Church in Lenoir City. Check the website under “events” for the latest schedule. <https://projectlinuseasttn.org/event-list/>

Sevier County and area volunteers: Come join us to sew for Project Linus! Every first and third Tuesday from 9am till noon at the My People Senior Center in Sevierville. We bring kits, sew, tie quilts and just have a great time. Call Angie at 865-394-8852 for details! You can follow this group of Project Linus of East Tn Sevier area volunteers at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sevierprojectlinusquilters>

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Facebook for East TN: <https://www.facebook.com/ProjectLinusEastTN/>

Project Linus Volunteers (National Facebook Group):

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ProjectLinusVolunteers>