

Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

Jackson/Clay/Platte Counties, MO Chapter

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NEWSLETTER

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SPECIAL EDITION

Summer Fleece Extravaganza

When: Saturday, July 11, 2009

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Noland Road Baptist Church,
4505 S. Noland Road, Independence,
MO, about 1/2 mile south of I-70

Park in the north parking lot and enter through the rear entrance by the playground. Take the ramp or the stairs to the lower level.

Mark your calendar for July 11. Come for all or part of the day and learn some new ways to make fleece blankets. Thanks go to Beth Whorton for arranging for us to have our Summer Fleece Extravaganza in the fellowship hall at Noland Road Baptist Church.

SusanB will describe how to make several types of fleece blankets and you can choose which one(s) you want to try. You will receive an instruction sheet summarizing important details.

In six hours you can make 2 or 3 or

more fleece blankets, depending on which type. There is a lot of donated fleece to use. You are invited to bring either 1 yard of fleece for a toddler blanket or 1 1/3 yards of fleece for a child/teen blanket so we can make even more blankets. Scraps of fleece can be combined to make a faux rag style or a crocheted panel blanket.

Please see page 2 for a guide on what to bring. If you're coming with a friend plan on sharing equipment, rather than everyone bringing everything. SusanB has purchased a wavy edge rotary blade and a skip stitch blade for Project Linus and everyone can use them. Anyone who owns either blade is encouraged to bring them.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to SusanB at susanBinKC@att.net or 816-761-4137 to help with planning.

Lunch will be on your own. There are several restaurants nearby; or bring a sack lunch.

Coordinator's Corner

I've been busy making fleece blankets with different methods of finishing them so you can see finished blankets. Looped fringe, braided edge, bunny ears, and using crochet to join squares and edge a blanket are all fun and a great change of pace. I think the Summer Fleece Extravaganza will be a really fun day and hope to see you there.

Last week, Channele contacted me, offering her quilt shop, *Quilt'n Down Home* in Liberty as a Project Linus dropoff location. She told me that several of her customers talked about making quilts for Project Linus and that helped her decide to make the offer. Good work blanketeers!

SusanB

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Things to Bring to the Summer Fleece Extravaganza

News Briefs

NEW DROPOFF LOCATION

We have a new location where you may drop off your blankets: *Quilt'n Down Home* at 10 W. Kansas, on the square in Liberty, MO. Please stop in and thank Chanelle for volunteering her quilt shop as a dropoff location.

If you take blankets to *Quilt'n Down Home*, Chanelle has some donated fabric that you can use to make your next Project Linus blanket. While supplies last, of course.

FUNDRAISERS

Best Choice UPCs—Please save the UPC codes from your Best Choice products. We get \$30 for every 1,000 UPCs. Please don't send the entire label, we only need the UPC code.

Mountain Mist UPCs— Save the UPC codes from Mountain Mist batting or any Super Fluff product (batting, fiberfill, pillow inserts) for Project Linus. We can get 25 yards of quilt batting with 100 UPC codes and a small handling fee.

Send your UPCs to SusanB or turn them in with your blankets.

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Fleece Blanket Types	Essential Tools	Optional Tools
ALL Blanket Types	Sharp Sewing Scissors Ruler or measuring tape	Rotary cutting equipment 1 to 1 1/3 yard of fleece
No Sew Blankets Fringed Knotted Fringe Picket Fence Bunny Ears		Masking tape Wavy edge rotary blade Small crochet hook (for bunny ears finish)
Crocheted Finishes Crocheted Edging Crocheted Panel Assembly	Crochet hooks - size F, G, H (size depends on your gauge) Measuring tape Yarn needle	Yarn Skip stitch rotary cutting blade
Blankets with Sewing Looped Fringe Braided Edge Faux Rag Style	Sewing machine with walking or even feed foot Basic sewing supplies Long straight pins with large head Hand sewing needle (for braided edge finish)	Spring assisted scissors (for snipping seams on faux rag style) Fleece that is too small to make a whole blanket.

Project Linus has a few power strips, but if you have an extension cord or power strip, please bring it. Be sure to mark all your tools so we can make sure they go home with the right person. As always, bring your finished blankets to turn in.

Komfort Kids – A Project Linus Fabric Collection

Watch for “Komfort Kids”, a new fabric collection designed by Patrick Lose especially for Project Linus and manufactured by Avlyn. “Komfort Kids” will be available through independent fabric/quilt shops. Avlyn is donating 8% of the sales proceeds to Project Linus Headquarters.

The featured design is titled “Sweet Dreams.” Four other designs-- “Sweethearts,” “Heart Toss,” “Twinkle Stars,” and “Bubbles”--all complement “Sweet Dreams.” You can see the fabrics in the collection on the national Project Linus website at <http://www.projectlinus.org/fabrics.html>.

