

NHWG has decided to take on a great project to weave blankets for donation to Project Linus. The blankets will be distributed to two Project Linus chapters in NH and two in Maine. The blankets will be due at the March 2018 meeting. Before being donated, the blankets will be on display as part of the NHWG's 80th Anniversary Exhibit at Kimball Jenkins.

At last month's meeting I went over the Project Linus blanket specifications and resources for blanket drafts at Weavers Helping Weavers. Those files are now available here. We will be collecting the blankets for Project Linus at our March meeting. If you have specific questions please feel free to contact me at njmulqueen@msn.com.

Happy Weaving!

Nancy Mulqueen

From Project Linus: Blanket Specifications

Project Linus blankets must be new, handmade and washable, as our mission is to donate only handmade blankets. We receive thank you notes from children who express how touched they are that a stranger would take the time to make something special just for them. They really know the difference. Purchased blankets are nice, but handmade blankets are from the heart, just like a warm hug. Some Blanketeers will use a purchased blanket and then add loving touches such as appliques, crocheted trim around the edges, etc. These are perfectly acceptable, as they are unique and special.

We like to have a variety of sizes on hand. For example, blankets could be as small as 36" X 36". The majority of Project Linus blankets are about 40" X 60", or what is called crib size. Blankets could be as large as 45"X 75" or twin size (64" x 75") for teens. Our chapter is in need of all sizes right now, as we have very few blankets.

Whether they are made of fabric, yarn or fleece, all blankets need to be machine washable. [Project Linus will not accept any blanket made of any animal fibers, so cotton or synthetics only.]

Please take special care to ensure that blankets are free of smoky smells or any chemicals which could jeopardize the health of the child.

Check blankets carefully for forgotten pins, and please do not use embellishments such as buttons that could come loose and be swallowed.

From NHWG: Project Linus Woven Blankets References:

Books:

Knisely, Tom - [Handwoven Baby Blankets](#)

Blumenthal, Betsy - [Hands on Dyeing](#)

4 FREE Hand Woven Baby Blankets You Have to Weave -

<https://www.interweave.com/article/weaving/new-free-ebook-woven-baby-blankets/>

Best of Handwoven: Top Ten Blankets and Throws on Four Shafts eBook -

<https://www.interweave.com/store/top-ten-blankets-and-throws-on-four-shafts>

Best of Handwoven: Projects in Waffle Weave – [https://www.interweave.com/store/best-of-](https://www.interweave.com/store/best-of-handwoven-projects-in-waffle-weave)

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Handwoven articles:

Colored shadow-weave blocks for baby blankets Handwoven: JF12, 58-60

Elegant gamp lap robe. Handwoven: ND13, 40-42

Handwoven baby blankets. Handwoven: So16, 13

Huck and snuggle baby blanket. Handwoven: JF15, 54-55

Shadow-weave circles for a throw. Handwoven: JF12, 27, 60-61

Stars & stripes picnic blanket. Handwoven: SO16, 34-36

"Sweet honey in a waffle" baby blanket. Handwoven: MJ12, 40-41

A Taos classic blanket. Handwoven: SO15, 56-58

Cozy throws for two. Handwoven: SO15, 48-50

Huck and snuggle baby blanket. Handwoven: JF15, 54-55

Handwoven baby blankets. Handwoven: So16

Blooming Leaf Throw in 4-Shaft, 4-Block Doubleweave ND05:64–66 [4]; correction, MJ06:7

Brighten a Breakfast Nook with Table Squares and a Throw MJ08:50–52

A Cool Blue Bedspread for a Cool Kid's Room SO08:56–57

Crazy Twill for an Easy-to-Make Blanket. (Li, Wai-Kwan). JF08: 28–30 correction, MA08:7

A Doublewide Blanket on a Mid-Size Loom (Knisely, Tom). MA10:30–32

Grand Canyon Throw (Alderman, Sharon). MJ07:60–62

Soft, Textured Surfaces for a Luscious Throw (Fortin, Sarah). JF10:48–49

A Twill Color Gamp Doubles as a Cozy Studio Nap Blanket (Spady, Robyn). ND08:40–42

Warp Once, Weave Two Throws—or More (McClure, Julie). SO09:60–62