

How it all began.....

Christmas Eve 1995, USA.

In 1995, an article appeared in Parade Magazine entitled 'Joy to the World' by Pulitzer Prize winning Photojournalist, Eddie Adams. Part of the article featured a petite, downy haired child. She had been going through intensive chemotherapy and the article stated that her security blanket had helped her to get through the treatments.

Karen Loucks, who had just learnt to crochet, decided to provide home-made security blankets to Denver's Rocky Mountain Children's Cancer Centre.

Project Linus was born!



Project Linus was named after the security blanket toting character from the Peanuts comic strip. The late Charles Schultz, its creator, was pleased to have Linus inspired blanket makers to help sick and traumatised children.

Project Linus came to the UK in March 2000 as a result of a quilter's desire to help children in need. It has now spread to cover most of the UK. We try to get quilts delivered to children who are local to the makers.

What kind of quilt ?

Try to use fabrics that will appeal to children or teenagers. Quilts of any size are acceptable but the most useful sizes are:

- Cot size, 30" x 40" (approx 75cm x 1m)
- 40" x 60" (approx 1m x 1.5m)
- Larger sizes for teenagers.



Please do not add embellishments such as buttons, ribbons or ties which could come off and be swallowed. All quilts and blankets must be machine washable.



What happens next?

Once we receive your quilt, it is checked and then prepared for delivery.

A Project Linus label is sewn onto every quilt. The quilt is then given to a child to keep.

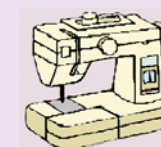
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Deliveries are made according to how many quilts we receive and where they are needed. Occasionally we have requests for quilts for individual children who may be seriously ill and being cared for at home.

Originally targeting paediatric cancer patients, Project Linus UK has broadened its focus towards seriously ill, abused, bereaved or traumatised children, and those leaving care or being adopted, from premature birth to 19 years old.

Do you know of others who might benefit?

Children in need of a big hug



How you can help

Make a quilt and donate it to Project Linus Berkshire Branch.

Help to raise funds.

Nominate a child or young person to receive a Linus quilt

Donate unwanted cotton fabric.



Project Linus UK is 100% volunteer based and non profit-making so we rely on such donations.

Any spare cotton fabric you have can be passed on to volunteers who perhaps have no materials of their own that they can use.

How to find out more

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Visit the UK website
www.projectlinusuk.net
for a full list of co-ordinators



Project Linus 



Berkshire Branch

Providing security and comfort through quilts

Making quilts and donating them to children and teenagers in need