

Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

Bakersfield, Fresno, Kern & Tulare Counties CA Chapter

September 2011

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I love community service! I can't think of a better way to be involved in your community and get to know the people in it than by doing service for those around you.

Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

What a difference that our Project Linus chapter has made in the lives of the children in the communities that we live in. On September 3 in Fresno and on September 10 in Bakersfield we again have the opportunity as communities to come together and reach out and help make blankets for the children.

The 9/11 nonprofit MyGoodDeed and HandsOn Network, the volunteer activation division of Points of Light Institute, have joined together to encourage all Americans to commemorate the anniversary of Sept. 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance, leading the efforts to inspire one million acts of charitable service in tribute to the victims, survivors and those who rose to service in response to the attacks 10 years ago.

Last year we remembered and commemorated 9/11 by making pillowcases for the troops. This year, I have been contacted by the USMC and the US Navy Military Base in Twenty Nine Palms asking if we would help by making blankets for the children of deployed soldiers and blankets for the children to receive at the memorials of the

fallen soldiers. They have handed out 750 blankets so far this year. The military base is sending some fabric and I am hoping for it to be here by MABD. These blankets **do not** need to be Red, White and Blue. They would like bright, cheerful, snuggly, blankets.

I have the luckiest job in the world. Although I don't get paid for coordinating our chapter I get paid big dividends in blessings by my life being enriched when we get together at our blanket days. When you show up at my door with blankets. I don't see alot of you that make donations but I am so grateful to you. The people that have made phone calls. I recently had a lady call that wants to start crocheting again after many years. It was fun to talk to her and hear her story. Another lady called to say thank you for the blanket her son received after being run over and receiving a skull fracture. She said that now you would never know he had been hit but he will not leave his blanket.

Thank you so much for your contributions. I hope to see and meet all of you over the next couple of weeks. Martin Luther King, Jr said, "Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve."

Michele

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Dear Project Linus

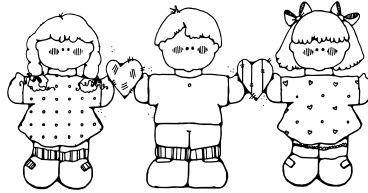
Recently, my 10 year old daughter found herself needing emergency surgery. When she was admitted to BMH, they presented her with this beautiful red & yellow quilt. Her Girl Scout troop has donated blankets to your organization, but never does one think they'll be on the receiving end. You can be assured that she was comforted by this gift. Thank you for your service to the families of Kern County and around the country.

Becky Wilson

Dear Project Linus, My name is Allison Wilson and I am 10 years old and I had to get my appendix out about 2 weeks ago and when I got to the hospital I was scared a little bit and when I got that quilt I new I was going to be fine. So I just wanted to say thank you so so so so so much.

Sincerely,

Allison Wilson



Project Linus

Community Make A Blanket Day

September 3, 2011

9:00a.m - 2:00p.m.

*****New location ***Hope Lutheran Church ***New location*****

364 E. Barstow Avenue, Fresno, CA 93710

As a community would you like to join with Project Linus to help serve the special needs of children in our area?

Here is how you can help.

- Bring fabric/materials/scissors and help us make blankets.
- sewing machine & accessories
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- Fabric (1 1/2 yard lengths) batting and yarn may be donated (flannel, cotton and fleece are accepted)
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3 yards of fleece and scissors

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If you live in the Fresno, Hanford or Clovis area, please use this flier to hand out to your friends and invite them to come to our Community Make A Blanket Day. There will be all kinds of activities that day. Knitting/crocheting, coloring squares for the kids and adults, sewing, fleece blankets. Project Linus is teaming up with the United Way for their Day of Caring. It will be a great event. Please join us.

September 2011

Quilt Challenge Theme is

~ **Back to School ABC's** ~

All quilters, knitters and crocheters are welcome to participate.

Your quilts should be at least 45x45.

A charm will be given to all who complete the blanket challenge.

Crochet/Knitted challenge color is

Blue/Green

Afghans should be at least 36x36

October 2011

Quilt Challenge Theme is

~ **Cowboy** ~

All quilters, knitters and crocheters are welcome to participate.

Your quilts should be at least 45x45.

A charm will be given to all who complete the blanket challenge.

Crochet/Knitted challenge color is

orange

Afghans should be at least 36x36

All About Knitting Needles and Crochet Hooks

By: Barbara Breiter

Knitting needles and crochet hooks are as varied as the crafters who utilize them. There is no right or wrong when you select a one. Needles and hooks have specific attributes based on the material they are made from and the manufacturers specifications. Only you can decide what type of needle or hook you like best and you may find that, depending upon the yarn you are using, you'll reach for a different type than you used for your last project. If you can afford it, buy several different types so that you can experiment and find your favorite.

Some needles have very blunt tips while others have sharper tips. Some hooks have rounded heads and others have pointier heads. The shank (the smaller part of the needle or hook prior to where the sized portion begins) varies in length. You may never find these factors of much importance, or you may find it's the difference between a tool that allows you to work swiftly and one that just seems to hang you up. **Tip:** If you find your yarn to be "splitty" with a hook or needles that have sharper tips, try tools with more blunt tips.

These tools are made in a wide variety of materials. You'll find them available in plastic, aluminum, bamboo, rosewood, ebony, and much more. **When selecting the tools for a project, you should consider three factors based on materials:** weight, temperature, and how slippery they are.

Plastic and bamboo is lighter while aluminum is heavier. This is more of a factor in knitting than crocheting because you have two needles you are using and they are longer than hooks. You might prefer aluminum overall, and if you are knitting something light such as booties, the weight of the needles will probably be of little or no consequence. However, with a larger project, you may choose to use a different set of needles.

Bamboo and wood remain at a fairly constant temperature. They will not feel cold to the touch on a cold winter night. Aluminum conducts heat and cold so they might feel hot if you are knitting in the sun or cold if it's cool wherever you may be knitting.

Yarns can vary in terms of how "sticky" or "slippery" they are. You may find your slippery yarn sliding right off aluminum needles, which tend to be quite slick. Bamboo, which has more grip, would be a better choice here. On the other hand, if you are knitting with a yarn that tends to stick, you might want to use a more slippery needle. **Tip:** If your needles or hook is too sticky and you don't have others to select from, rub some wax paper over it and the yarn will glide much easier.

In addition to the above, circular needles and some Tunisian hooks (also called Afghan hooks) may pose yet another factor to consider. The joins, where the needles or hook meet the cable, are different depending upon the brand. Some may catch the yarn while others are much smoother. Some swivel, making the tool more flexible. **One last tip:** To straighten the cables, put them in hot water for a minute. The kinks will come out of the cable.

Editor's Note: If you're finding that you're having trouble achieving the gauge in a pattern and you're between hook or needle sizes, try a hook/needles made of a different material, as the "stickiness" or "slipperiness" may affect how tightly or loosely you knit or crochet. Remember, an accurate gauge is the key to getting an accurately sized garment!

Barbara Breiter is the author of THE COMPLETE IDIOT'S GUIDE TO KNITTING & CROCHETING. Find her online at <http://www.knittingonthenet.com/>

Chicken Broccoli Divan

1 pound of fresh or frozen broccoli cut, cooked and drained

1 ½ cups cubed cooked chicken or turkey

1 can condensed broccoli cheese or cream of chicken soup

1/3 cup milk

½ cup shredded cheddar cheese

2 Tbls. Dry bread crumbs

1 Tbls. Melted butter or margarine

In a 2 quart casserole dish arrange broccoli and chicken. In a small bowl mix soup and milk and pour over broccoli and chicken. Sprinkle cheese over soup mixture. Mix bread crumbs with margarine and sprinkle over cheese. Bake at 400° F. for 25 minutes or until hot.

(I just steamed fresh broccoli floweret's, used canned diced chicken breast but have used leftover rotisserie chicken, healthy request soup and fat free milk so will taste even better with regular ingredients.)



Millie Abel (Project Linus, Asst) at the Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House with Project Linus blanket donations.

Happy Birthday

Joan Blackburn

Danielle Martinez

Becky Luena

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

- Mahatma Ghandi

2011 Calendar

Bakersfield

September 6 LDS Church 9-noon
September 10, 2011

Make A Blanket Day-LDS Church

September 13 Strawberry Patches 10-1
September 20 (LDS Church/Mercy Hosp)
September 22 Bolts to Bindings 5:30-9
October 4 LDS Church 9-noon
October 11 Strawberry Patches 10-1
October 18 (LDS Church/Mercy Hosp)
October 27 Bolts to Bindings 5:30-9
November 1 LDS Church 9-noon
November 8 Strawberry Patches 10-1
November 15 (LDS Church/Mercy Hosp)
December 6 LDS Church 9-noon
December 13 (LDS Church/Mercy Hosp)

316 LDS Church A St 9a – noon
Mercy Hosp – Truxtun 6p-9p Clerou Rm

Clovis

October 8, 2011 - 10a - 1p

D & J Sewing Center
2700 N Clovis Ave
559-225-4927

Fresno

Make A Blanket Day

September 3, 2011

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

5685 N. Cedar Ave, 93710

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Blanket Drop Off Locations

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Please indicate that blankets are for Project Linus on the bags when you leave them at the drop off locations.

Bakersfield

Strawberry Patches
6439 Ming Ave, Ste C
Bakersfield, CA

Ellie Jayes
1608 19th St
Bakersfield, CA

ABC's of Creative Pursuits
1412 17th St, Ste E –
Haberfelde Gallery
Bakersfield, CA

To Quilt N Sew
3510 Allen Road
Bakersfield, CA

Bolts to Bindings
2437 Oak Street
Bakersfield, CA

FRESNO

Cottage Quilts
1732 W Bullard Ave
Fresno, CA 93711
559-447-0599

Hope Lutheran Church
364 E Barstow Ave
Fresno, CA 93710
559-439-4320

CLOVIS

D & J Sewing Center
2700 N Clovis Ave #103 Clovis, CA 93612
559-225-4927

Quilters Paradise, Inc
339 Pollasky Ave, Clovis, CA
559-297-7817

Visalia

Thimble Towne
400 W Caldwell Ave, Ste F
Visalia, CA 93277

Hanford

Quilters Quarters
880 N Irwin
Hanford, CA 93203

Sponsors

the following businesses are donating sponsorships monthly to our local Project Linus Chapter.

To Quilt N Sew - Constant Contact
Darrel's Mini Storage- Storage Unit

MAKE A BLANKET DAY

September 10, 2011 9A.M. - 3P.M.

Co-Sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

5500 Fruitvale Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93312

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Here are some do's and don't's from Marci Baker on storing your quilts:

Do NOT store the quilt where it will be in direct contact with wood (such as cedar chests) because the wood has chemicals and oils that can cause staining on the quilt. I have plastic liners on the shelf in my linen closets.

Do NOT store the quilt in plastic bags, especially in humid climates. The closed environment where air can not circulate promotes growth of mold and mildew. I have several antique pieces that have gray areas from mold/mildew stains.

Do NOT store the quilt with starch in the fabric as this will attract bugs who love to eat the starch and get some of the cotton fiber, too.

Do NOT store in constant direct sunlight or constant fluorescent lighting because this can cause fading of the fabrics. One of my quilts faded significantly when it was displayed for several months in a front window of a quilt shop.

A good resource for how to store antiques is the [University of Nebraska's Quilt Study](http://www.unl.edu/quiltstudy/). I suggest this for heirloom items that you want to preserve for future generations. For quilts that are used daily or stored for different seasons, the list above is a good list to follow. Balance your care with the intended use and life expectancy of the piece. Some are made to be loved and used until there is nothing left, where as others are made to be loved and admired for many years. The Pine Burr happens to fit both of those because it was definitely used and loved (there is a square blue checkered patch and a small triangular patch on the back), but it wasn't worn out from over-washing and was cared for by proper storage, so now we can still enjoy it more than 100 years later.