

PROJECT LINUS



Project Linus Instructions:

Hopefully you saw my Project Linus video and it answered some of your questions. I started with PL in upstate NY at least ten years ago. It's nationwide and a worthwhile charity to support either with your quilts or blankets or in other ways. Be sure to look on the PL website for many helpful links, ideas and patterns. <https://www.projectlinus.org/>

See finished crocheted edge above as well as some of the tools you'll need.

Materials:

1. Fleece (usually in 60" widths, anti-pill is best) [yourfleece.com gives a discount for PL blanket fleece if you call & talk to them.]
2. Rotary cutter with Skip-Stitch blade (available through PL store: projectlinus.org & other sites online with varying prices) (*above*)
3. Cutting mat (*above*) & ruler
4. Scissors or regular 45mm rotary cutter to trim fleece before you begin crocheting
5. Yarn (acrylic, solid or variegated)
6. Crochet hook size J (*above*)
7. Large eye tapestry or yarn needle either plastic or metal (*above*)

Process:

- Cut fleece to desired size. I do 40" x 60" but the PL website has other sizes suggested also.
- Be sure to cut off selvage edges. (google selvage if this is a new term)
- Make holes along all 4 sides using Skip-Stitch rotary blade about 1/2" from edges.
- Crochet: make a slip knot about 6" from end of yarn to make a loop.
- Begin crocheting in the middle of any side by inserting crochet hook from top side of blanket to back. Insert crochet hook through and pull yarn through to make another loop. (I go from right to left around the blanket.)
- You will have 2 loops on your hook now. Pull yarn through both and then pull yarn through new loop on your hook. Repeat.
- At corners, add an extra stitch so it won't pull tight as you go around. Put 2 stitches in corner hole. Then continue around as before.
- When finished, tie off. (Tie a small knot in yarn to secure ends. Cut yarn, leaving 6" tail.
- Weave tails into stitches with your large eye needle in opposite directions.

- You're finished! If you like, you can do another row all around or add some decorative crochet stitches to make a scalloped edge. Look on You Tube for ideas & how-to videos. In the photo above you can see the finished crocheted edge on a Project Linus blanket.

DROP-OFF:

Look on the PL website for drop off locations in your state. Click on "chapters" tab. Click on your state and then find your city. Click on the green/white flag to see locations near you. There will be an address, phone & email so you can contact the drop-off site/person.

I live in a rural town SW of Houston that has no drop off in my town. However, Houston has 3 drop off sites. The one I use is the Quilter's Emporium, 11925 Southwest Fwy, Stafford, TX that's the closest to me. Find a drop off site close to you and take as many blankets as you can finish. Again, be sure to check out and follow the guidelines given on the PL website. Thanks for learning about PL & I hope you too become a Project Linus blanketeer.

