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## **TWIN CITY QUILTERS GUILD**

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Dear Quilters,

As we wrap up 2025 and my tenure as president comes to a close I'd like to wish Marty good luck in her new position. Marty will bring a wealth of experience to her new role and I am excited to see how she will enhance our Guild.

Merry Christmas to all and may 2026 be filled with happiness and good health.

Deb Marshall

### **Hostesses for January**

Kelly Tooley	Sue Cahill
Mary Wells	Brenda Boyle
Jeannine Ellis	

Let's wish a **"Happy Birthday"** to the following quilters for the month of January:

Kim Lucca 1/6	Jan Brauer 1/14
Cindy Warthling 1/19	Joann Pietrzykowski 1/23
Cindy Primosch 1/24	Pamela Labushesky 1/25
Linda Berwaldt 1/27	Mary Wells 1/29

### **Vice Presidents Report**

First we would like to thank Deb Marshall for stepping up and guiding us during the past two years especially with all the momentous events during that time. We want to extend our deepest gratitude for your service and leadership as President. It was a pleasure working with you and we hope you enjoy the view from the other direction.

Second, we would like to thank Marty Held for stepping up and taking on the task. We look forward to working with you.

## 2025 Wrap Up

You guys were fantastic this year. What everyone accomplished over the last 12 months is astonishing.

Your creative spirits were shown finishing your mystery quilts, the Milestone Madness completed lists were outstanding and the participation in the workshops gave us confidence to continue on.

These accomplishments along with all the Linus Quilts, Walker Wheel Chair Bags, Christmas stockings and rice bags should make everyone very proud.

For those of you who were not at the party in December, here are the quilters that finished some or all of their Milestone Madness items.

Determination Dollies: Dorthy Glosser and Bonnie Victor

Fabric Alcoholic Road Trip Quilter: JoAnne Sentman

Miss Marple Award: Doris Gierke

Starship Enterprise Award: Carol Carney

Vintage Virturoso: Deb Marshall

Who Would Have Thought: Linda Szmanda

Perfectionist Patty: Kim Scott

Designer Diva: Barb Donn

Last Gap Gals: Judy Lilac, Kelly Urtel

The Little Engine That Could: Sandy Wardour

Back by popular demand in 2026 we will continue the Milestone Madness lists again. The description for 2026 follows.

### Milestone Madness - Rules and Regulations

Make a list of any projects and what you wish to accomplish this year. It can be as complicated as finish my Dear Jane quilt or as easy as "find that quilt and put it in the to be done pile" or decide if I still want to finish a project. Make your list and give me a copy and keep a copy for yourself.

During the year you can add to the list at any time, just let me know what you have added or make another copy. When you finish a milestone, let me know at any meeting and your name will be put into the Magical Milestone Madness Box. Again there will be prizes at the Christmas Party. We will be working on prizes for next year so if you have any suggestions, let us know. The last day to enter your name will be at the November meeting.

## 2025 Challenge

We had another great Christmas party. Thank you Christmas Committee. Such a great turnout for the challenge this year. All different designs of aprons. Thank you to all who participated.





**Congratulation to the winners**



## **The return of the comfort pillow stuff-n-sew!**

Please join me at the North Tonawanda Public Library - Meadow Dr. near the high school, on Saturday, January 17th from 9:30 a.m. until noon. We will be in the community room.

I will have plenty of already sewn together pillows, all you will need to do is stuff them! I will also provide the stuffing and some needles and thread for you to stitch up the holes after they are filled. Please feel free to bring your own scissors. I will also have tags, pink ribbons and pins to attach to each completed pillow.





At the January 7th Guild meeting I will also have packets of cut out pillow pieces, "bones", if you would like to take any home to sew together. There will be instructions in this newsletter. Please above *All Else* make sure that you leave the stuffing hole big enough to fit at least four of your fingers inside! Some of the holes are quite small which will make it difficult for stuffing.

I will have sign up sheets available for you to attend the library stuff-n-sew, as well as taking home pillow kits. This way I can track how many might be in circulation.

Thank you for helping bring back the comfort pillows to our pink ribbon committee!

## PINK RIBBON COMFORT PILLOW

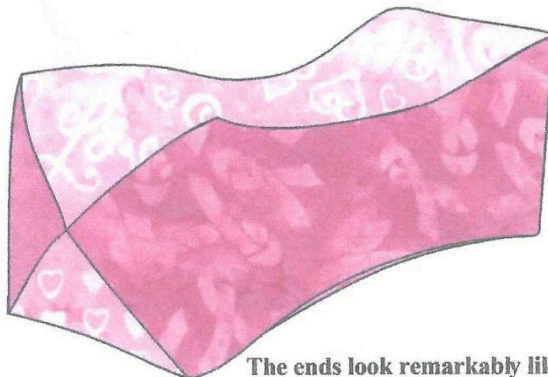
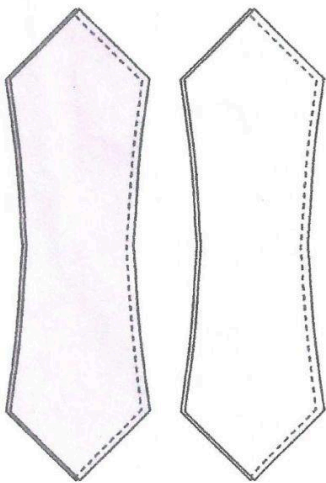
Finished Size: Approx. 6" x 14"  
depending upon how full you stuff the pillow

	108745 Ribbon Batik, Dark Pink	FQ
	108746 Love Batik, Pink	FQ
	108748 Mottled Batik, Dark Pink	FQ
	108747 Heart Batik, Pink	FQ

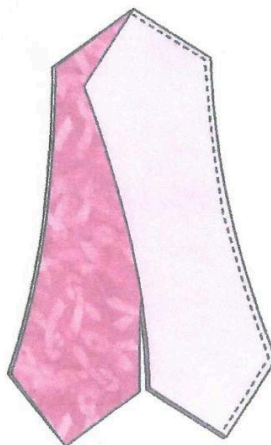
See page 2 for template. Use up to 4 different fabrics per pillow.

### DIRECTIONS

- 1- Sew bone shapes together in sets of two.



The ends look remarkably like quarter square triangles!



- 2- Turn one of the sets right side out.

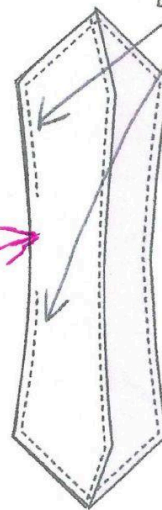
- 3- Slip the right side out set inside of the wrong side out set.

- 4- Match up the cross seams at the top and bottom points of the bones shapes. Fold the seam allowances opposite each other at the intersecting point.

- 5- Sew the two sets together leaving an approx. 4-5" opening.

- 6- Turn right side out and stuff with polyester stuffing (I love Soft Touch Stuffing, it bounces back very well).

- 7- Turn the seam allowances of the opening inside of the pillow. Whip stitch the opening closed with tiny, hidden stitches. ENJOY!



**NOTE:** Please read the entire pattern carefully. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this pattern. Use a 1/4" seam allowance unless otherwise stated. Created by Debbie Beaves for *Connecting Threads*® © Copyright *Connecting Threads*®. All rights reserved. For private, non-commercial use only. Please see our Web site for terms of use.

Pattern #991356



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### PROJECT LINUS

Month	Quilts made from kits	Quilts made from their own Stash	Totals	Grand Totals
2024				7104
1-2025	10	3	13	7117
2-2025	10	22	32	7149
3-2025	16	1	17	7166
4-2025	15	11	26	7192
5-2025	15	15	30	7222
6-2025	7	9	16	7238
7-2025	2	0	2	7240
8-2025	1	3	4	7244
9-2025	6	28	34	7278
10-2025	8	16	24	7302
11-2025	11	6	17	7319
12-2025	1	14	15	7334
			2025 Grand Total	7334

You are incredible, at this busy time of year to turn in 11

---bringing our 2025 total to 7334!!!!

We are forever grateful to all the dedicated members who, month after month donate their talents, time and own stash to keep Project Linus totals raising each month

My wish for the 2026 to ask everyone to please try to make 1 Linus quilt--from a kit or your own stash.

I understand everyone is busy, and time to donate to make a Linus quilt, is very limited (yes for me too!)

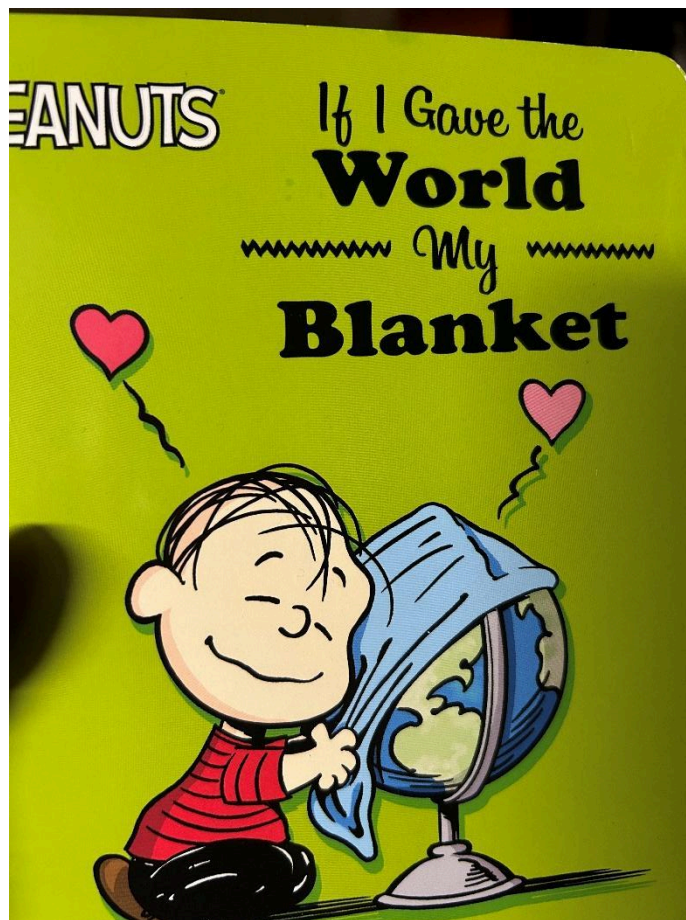


We are trying to make kits, as easy and quick as possible.

The kids don't care if your seams match--they are just grateful:  
to hold and cuddle in a quilt to feel the love that was sewn into every stitch

Here are a few samples of the panel kits---  
they just had to add the borders





Have a wonderful and blessed Christmas and Holiday season

As always, with very grateful hearts---Co-chairs, Sue, Cindy, Linda

