

# Assignment Crochet Cruisers

Fall 2017 Project Linus

Project Linus is an important part of our Crochet Cruises. In recognition that not everyone has the luxury to board a cruise for a crochet retreat, we love to spend time in helping others with our hands on the Cruise Ship to benefit local chapters of Project Linus after our cruise is done.

Children that face odds through difficulty with medical situations or domestic issues can really feel out of sync with society. With our hands, we can try to be the difference to help children with projects that are meaningful.

This assignment has been designed by Michael Sellick, aka Mikey of The Crochet Crowd. Sometimes, we need a hero in our lives to help see us through tough situations. Many of us dreamed of having super powers and maybe we still do. The afghan design is about heroes. It's an artistic impression designed to give children a smile.

You never know where these afghans will end up. Potentially delivered to a child in a hospital, maybe packaged up in the back of a police vehicle when a child is pulled from a home of domestic violence.

## Assignment

Your assignment is to complete at least 4 squares for your upcoming crochet cruise. We ask that you stretch yourself and complete 4 different designs.

Don't get attached to your squares. When you are on the cruise ship, we will all submit our squares onto tables. Then, each of us will get up and select 4 squares from the table to use as your Project Linus.

The squares will be measured and matched to others who have the same gauge to ensure the squares will match each other



when joined.

On the ship, we will cover the how to join squares together as a group. We will then explore different borders to apply and you, of course can create your border designs too.

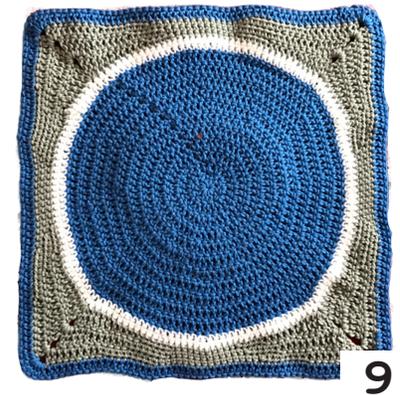
The designs shown are representations of what is expected. Patterns will eventually be provided for each design but we encourage you to use your own creativity. There's nothing stopping you from using other colours or motifs for your designs. Maybe you love other super heroes or villains. Use colours that represent your square.

I will give you the suggested yarn, size of hook and colours used in the original examples. You are welcome to use any yarns you have that closely match the gauge.



# Action Packed Square Afghan Design

Designed by Mikey, these squares are 18" x 18".



The following squares are related to each other but have different rounds of colour. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 & 9.

Square 5 is completed using Tapestry Crochet where the colours are dropped and carried to produce the spiral effect.

Square 8 is completed by doing the center center but each colour is completed by doing a partial of the circle and then sewn together

before doing the final 2 rounds of the gold ring.

## Recommended Yarn

### Caron One Pound

White, Black, Sunflower Yellow, Scarlet, Pale Royal Blue, Espresso and Grey.

These yarns can be found at Jo-Ann. You don't have to use these specific shades, they are just

recommended.

The ultimate goal is to put 4 squares together as one small blanket. The squares 2 x 2 will give a minimum size of 36". Once we add a border, the afghan may be about 40 - 42" square.

At this time, I will provide instructions in written format for the basic square.

## Tips

Most of the squares have a ring around the circle before transitioning to the square. Those are rounds 12 - 13 in the pattern.

Pay attention to the final border of each square to ensure your squares can match your fellow crochet cruisers.

## Provided Later

The instructions for the Pow Square #5 and Belt Square #8 will be given at a later time.

Motifs and instructions for the overlays will be provided later.

## Use your Own Creativity

Mikey will provide the instructions of all of the squares as shown. However, if you wish to create our own colouring and motif for the center of the square, you are welcome to do so. You are welcome to self design anything you need to go onto the square.

## Timing

The basic square without the motif takes Mikey about 2 hours to complete. You are welcome to create more than 4 if you wish to make a bigger impact on Project Linus at the end of the cruise.

## Phase 2 & 3

While on the cruise ship with us, your goal is to put the squares together and then complete a border. This will be phase 2. So ensure your squares are completely done with their motifs attached prior to coming.

With the fabulous help of Jo-Ann, we will enter Phase 3 to take each blanket to another level. We will share with you on the cruise ship what that will be. We think you will be super excited.

## Back to Back Crochet Cruisers

For those cruisers that are travelling a second week with us, there will be a special workshop with you in the afternoon on the last day of the first week.

You can either do double the squares OR we have another assignment for you that can also be completed in the second week. You most likely will have time to do both if you wanted to. It's up to you.

For those who are back-to-back, the first Project Linus Workshop on the second cruise you will begin working on your new assignment. You will already know your new assignment as instructions will have already been given to you. You will each have your own afghans again for the second week using the new assignment.

We would like to recognize Jo-Ann Fabrics and Crafts for their sponsorship in making this possible. Their sponsorship is helping to benefit Project Linus to make this an incredible experience for all.



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