

No Sew Fleece Blanket-SINGLE LAYER

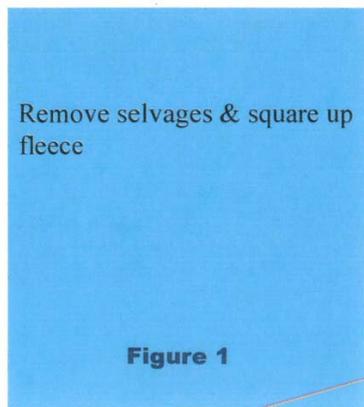
For use on the Kiwanis Riley Parent Comfort Cart

*These BLANKETS are FOR PARENTS of CHILDREN that are patients at Riley Hospital for Children. Parents are always appreciative of these blankets as well as the neck pillows. Thank you so much in advance for your donation! Blankets can be brought to the District Kiwanis Office for donation. Indiana District of Kiwanis -8525 E. 82nd St. -Suite 109—Indianapolis, IN 46250
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Materials needed: Fabric needs to be at least 50-60 inches wide Teen/Adult - 2 yards (in both fabrics)

Things you need:

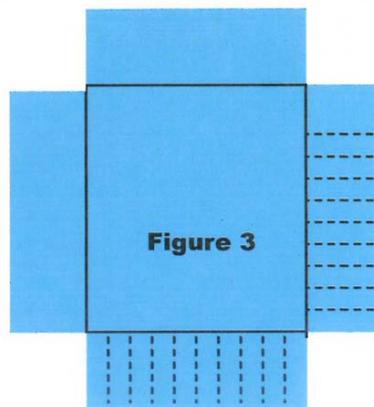
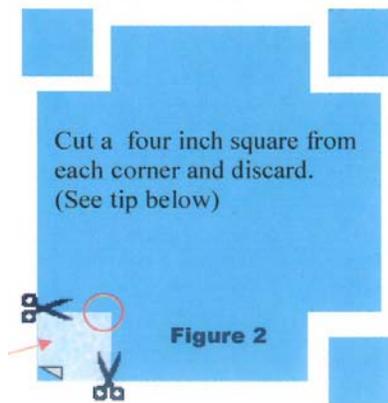
- One piece of fleece approx. 6 feet x 5 feet (72" x 60). (It is so warm in the hospital, they really only need to be single layer blankets. No need to have double fabric)
- Scissors (sharp ones)
- Tape measure or ruler
- One 4" x 4" piece of paper or cardboard works better.



No sew fleece tied blanket instructions:

1. Trim off any selvage around the edges of your fleece (try not to cut in more than 2 inches) * Remember you need to try to cut straight, but it doesn't have to be.
2. Take your piece of 4"x4" pa-

per (or cardboard) lay it on the corner of your blanket. Then cut out the corner. Proceed to do this on all four corners.



3. Now you are ready to cut your fringes. Cut 4 inches into the fleece at 1" wide. I found it easier to lay a tape measure across from the corner of the cut out corner to the other
4. Your fringes don't need to be 1" exactly, just try to keep them the same size. (You don't want to have one fringe 1"

and the next one 2") . Proceed to cut 1" intervals on all four sides.

5. Starting on one side tie slip knots. Tie these knots on each fringe around the entire blanket. (If slip knot is too hard, try tying two fringes together. Tying them in a double knot. This is called a "Friendship blanket"). Be consistent, you don't want to switch tying methods on a single blanket.

6. Then flip the whole blanket over and tie the remaining knots until your blanket is complete. (This helps your knotted ends look perfect).

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES

- Use bright colored fabrics. Avoid holiday prints. It is not always possible to get holiday prints through the channels to be used in a timely manner for the holiday. Do not use religious symbol prints.
- Make fleece blankets in an area FREE from any pet hair or tobacco smoke (allergens for some) and store your fleece and completed blankets in an area free of pet hair and tobacco smoke.

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ANOTHER METHOD of FINISHING EDGES

PICKET FENCE or BUNNY EARS

Cut fringe 1-1/4" wide x 3" long. Cut ends as shown in picture. Optional: Cut a small slit (no longer than 1/4" long) at the base of the fringe. Pull fringe through the hole to make a "Bunny Ear". If you don't make the end pointy—you have a "Hounds Ear." -*See photos below*



FLEECE BLANKET-F.A.Q.

How can I speed up the cutting of the fringe?

Cut a cardboard template with 1" wide, 4" deep cuts to assist in cutting the fringe.

Why does my fringe look rough and choppy?

Very sharp fabric scissors are the key. Cut fringe with one long cut versus chopping through the fleece with short snips. Fiskar brand scissors work nicely on fleece.

Why are the ends of my fringe curled up when they should lay flat?

The selvage edges of the fleece (the thick edges across from the fold filled with small holes and a rough edge) must be trimmed off before measuring and cutting fringe.

Why do the sides of my blanket look uneven?

Always use masking tape to create a cutting guide for the depth

of the fringe all of the way around the blanket. We recommend running tape 4" from the edges and cutting up to the tape, but not through it.

Why are my knots so big?

Knots are big when fringe is cut too wide. We recommend cutting fringe no wider than one inch. Also, measuring your fringe width as you cut to keep it all the same size really render a nicely finished edge.

Why does my blanket look so long and narrow?

Remember, the fringe used up 8 inches of the width and length, so you have to allow for it.

Why doesn't the fringe on my blanket look even?

You want your knots to line up in a straight row when the blanket is finished. As you make a knot in a strand of fringe, push the knot up to the edge of the blanket before tightening it. This will give you the finished look you were expecting.

Why does my blank look all curled up after I have knotted the fringe?

When you tie knots in the fringe, it tends to gather the fleece together. Once the knots are all tied, gently stretch the blank sides back out until you have square corners and then your blanket will lay nice and flat and rectangular.

Why do we request single layer fleece blankets versus double?

Single layer fleece blankets only cost 1/2 as much to make, so you can help two parents instead of just one with the same money. The hospital is very warm most of the time and a single layer provides the correct amount of comfort for those using them.

