

Serving as Family

Making a blanket for someone is a great and easy way to serve a child, youth or adult in our community. Here are some instructions to make a DIY blanket and five local agencies to contact to give your blanket to!

No-sew fleece blanket (tie blanket)

1. **Gather your materials:** You will need two pieces of coordinating fleece fabric in the same size (e.g., 1.5 yards each for a child size, or 2 yards each for an adult size). You'll also need sharp scissors or a rotary cutter and a ruler.
2. **Layer the fleece:** Lay both pieces of fleece flat, one on top of the other, with the "right" sides facing out (the sides you want to see).
3. **Trim the edges:** Trim all selvage edges (the rough, finished edges that come with the fabric) so the pieces are a perfect rectangle.
4. **Cut the corners:** Cut a 4-inch or 5-inch square from each of the four corners of the layered fabric. This determines the length of your fringe.
5. **Cut the fringe:** Using your ruler as a guide, cut strips of fringe about 1 inch wide all along the four edges, cutting through both layers of fabric at once.
6. **Tie the knots:** Tie the top and bottom strips of fringe together with a double knot. Repeat this process for every pair of strips around the entire blanket.

Sewn fleece blanket

1. **Prepare the fabric:** Lay out two pieces of fleece fabric with the wrong sides facing each other and the right sides facing out.
2. **Pin the layers:** Pin the edges together to hold them in place, leaving an 8- to 10-inch opening on one side for turning.
3. **Sew the layers:** Sew around the entire outside edge with a straight or zigzag stitch, leaving about a 1/4-inch seam allowance and a gap for turning.
4. **Turn the blanket:** Turn the blanket right-side out through the opening. Push out the corners with a blunt object.
5. **Finish the opening:** Fold the raw edges of the opening inward and either hand-stitch or use a topstitch to close the gap.
6. **Add a topstitch (optional):** For a more finished look, you can sew a topstitch along the entire edge of the blanket.



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