



Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

Greater Boston Chapter

Project Linus Fleece Blanket Guidelines

The following suggestions will result in a Fleece Blanket that looks nice and will be a comfortable snuggly blanket for a child:

Buy at least 1 1/4 yards (1 1/2 yards is even better) per blanket if you are making blankets for older children and teens. If you buy less than that and then fringe all four edges, you will have a very skinny blanket.

One yard of fleece cut in half will make two 30" x 36" blankets - just the right size for baby blankets. (Most fleece is 60" wide.) Fringe should be very short for baby blankets - no more than 2" long.

Please remove the selvedge edges (the wavy, bumpy, sometimes white edges) and even up all four sides of the fleece before cutting the fringe. This makes a much nicer looking blanket.

Do not cut the fringe any longer than 2" - 3". The longer you make the fringe, the less blanket you have. Fringe that is too long tangles in medical instruments and tubes.

You don't have to knot the fringe - a neat plain fringe looks very nice without knotting. We actually prefer that the fringe NOT be knotted. You don't need to fringe all four sides of the blanket. Fringing just the two narrower ends makes a very nice blanket and leaves more blanket for snuggling.

We prefer single layer polar fleece blankets. You're making two blankets for the price of one if you make single layer blankets!

If you do use two layers of fleece tied together by knotting the fringe, please don't tie the knots too tight - it draws the fleece up like a bowl or basket instead of a flat blanket!

This method will help volunteers make fringe that is straight, even, and neatly cut.



Cut a strip of cardboard as wide (no wider than 2" - 3") as you want your fringe to be long. Line up along edge of fleece.

The longer you make the fringe, the less blanket there is for snuggling.



Line up masking tape with the edge of the cardboard template.

Remove cardboard template.



Draw lines on the other side of the cardboard template every 1" (or however wide you want your fringe). Lay this template along the edge of the masking tape. Cut fringe.

Soon the template won't be needed to cut fringe - the eye and hand are trained!

Here are some ideas for fringing blankets:



"Jungle Grass" After cutting straight fringe, cut a corner from each strip of fringe.



"Picket Fence" Cut fringe 1 1/4" wide and 2" long. Cut ends as shown in picture.

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