

Tied Blankets Project – Guidelines

One Method:

Description of steps on how to tie a fleece blanket:

1. Cut off rough selvage edge on both sides. Trim only as much as necessary, usually not more than 2 inches on each side. At this point, make sure that your cut sides are relatively straight. (They don't have to be perfect!) Do this on each piece of fabric.
2. Lay your fleece wrong sides together, with edges matching up. (Often times with fleece, it's hard to tell which side is the wrong side and it often doesn't matter which side you use as the front or back.)
3. Cut a 4x4" square (or 5x5" square for a longer fringe) out of each corner (through both layers of fleece) and discard. If you want your fringe longer (not recommended for a baby or toddler), make your square bigger. It really does help to cut out your square from each corner before proceeding.
4. Cut 4" (or 5") into fleece at 1" intervals around all four sides.
5. Tie overhand knot close to blanket edge by using one strip from the front and one strip from the back to create finished fringe edge - then tie again.
6. Repeat around all four sides. Make sure you make **two** tight, overhand knots for your fringe. This should hold it together through washer and dryer cycles.

Tips:

- To make the tying look more even, tie every other one, all the way around the blanket, then flip the blanket over to the back and tie the rest.
- Experiment with the way you tie the knots for different looks. You can make the knot show in either fabric as well as the fringe in either fabric.
- The nature of fleece makes two of the sides stretchy. Don't fear! Just be gentle when tying those sides (the selvage sides) so that your fringe isn't stretched out of shape!

These are **only guidelines**. Member's project should be based on skill and experience. A more difficult project should be selected each year to continually grow skills.