



How to Make NO-TIE Fleece Blankets!



Note: You can make smaller for a Snuggle and Larger for a Lap-ghan



You will need:

- 2 pieces of fleece [18"x18" – 22"x22" – 28"x28"] Snuggles – [36" x 36"] lap-ghan
- Scissors
- Cutting board
- Ruler
- Start with two pieces of fleece, cut to be the same size.
- Any sizes as above will do as long as it's square or rectangular.
- Put one piece on top of the other, lining up the edges so that they are even. It doesn't need to be exact – just close!

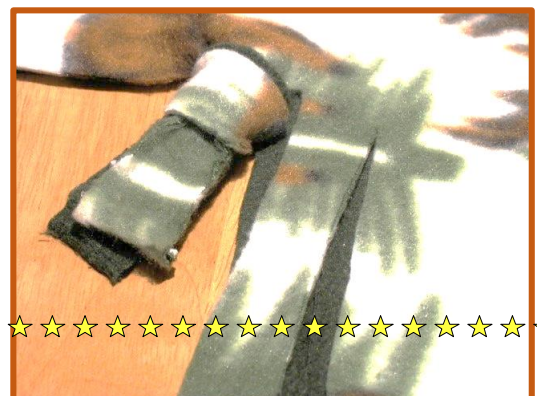
Now you are ready to cut your "fringes".

- Make 5-inch "cuts" into both pieces of fleece along all four sides. The cuts should be spaced about 1 inch apart. You'll end up with a 5-inch square cut out of each corner.



- When cutting fringe on all four sides of the blanket. Cut through both layers of fabric at the same time. Fringe pieces should be a little wider than the width of your finger. [1"] Cut in from the edge 5 inches. Try laying a yard-stick across the fabric, 5 inches from the edge so that you know how far in to make my cut.
- Starting on one side, flip all the fringes up (see photo at right).

- Next, make a very small (1/3") slit where the fleece is folded at the base of the fringe.
- Cut through all layers (see photo, far right).



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- Don't make the slit too big, or you'll end up with holes along the perimeter after the next step!
- Leave your blanket lying flat on the surface, with all fringes lined up. You might find it easier to start tying from the left and work right, going around the blanket. If you are left-handed, you may find it easier to start on the right and work left. These knots are called "balloon" knots... tie them just like you would if tying off a balloon! You can also tie a knot like you would make with a shoe lace. That kind of knot will be easier if your hands are arthritic. [but might not lay as flat]
- Now tuck the ends of the fringe through the slit you just made and then pull the fringe down



and tight! (See photos)

- Do this for all the fringes around all four sides.
- That's it! You've made a fleece blanket without tying a single knot!

This method is a bit easier on the hands, when you're making many blankets in a

row. It's also faster and makes a more comfortable blanket, since it doesn't have a row of knots along the perimeter.



The resulting soft and comfy blanket will be loved for a lifetime!

******Lots of times JoAnns has the fleece on sale and with a 40% coupon even better. Walmart sells fleece for \$3.84 a yard at the Town Center

Tip: If your blanket is square (all four sides the same length) you can turn the top so that the stretch goes in the opposite direction of the stretch on the bottom piece. This gives a more stable blanket.

Tip: Use the same directions to make pillows... if you make a 12-inch pillow, cut two pieces of fabric that are 24-inches square. Tie three sides, insert the pillow I the open end and then finish tying the 4th side.

Very quick and easy for any crafter.... Enjoy!!