

# DIY PROJECT

## NO SEW FLEECE BLANKET



Want to make a blanket in 5 easy steps? Make a no sew fleece blanket! It's the perfect project for kids who want to help kids! Make a single or double-layer blanket using the instructions below.

Blankets that are donated to OHAAT's Beds for Kids program will be delivered along with beds to children who are sleeping on the floor, on sofas, or crowded into bed with several family members. Please make and store blankets in an area free of pet hair and tobacco smoke, which are allergens for some children. You can take finished blankets to any OHAAT donation bin, or call 215-346-6427 to arrange a pick-up or delivery.

### Materials:

2 yards of fleece fabric (at least 54" wide)

\*\* For a heavier blanket, use 2 pieces of fabric \*\*

Fabric scissors

Ruler or tape measure

**Step 1:** Lay the fleece flat on a table. Cut off selvage (rough) edges. (They're usually white and printed with text.) Trim only as much as necessary, usually not more than 2 inches on each side. Make sure that your edges are straight and square.

**Step 2:** If you're using two pieces of fabric, cut each piece to the same size and lay them down together, with the back (wrong) sides facing each other. Make sure they are aligned before you begin cutting, as you'll be cutting through both pieces at the same time.

**Step 3:** Cut a 4" by 4" square out of each corner and discard. *Tip: Cut a 4" by 4" piece of fabric or batting to use as a corner template. Using your ruler and scissors, cut vertically and horizontally almost to the corner (where red circle is in figure below). Then use your scissors to finish the cut. This will give you a clean corner, and you won't cut into the neighboring fringe.*

**Step 4:** Cut 4" long by 1" wide fringe around all four sides.

**Step 5:** **For single-layer blankets:** Pick up a strip of fleece. Loop and pull the strip through itself, making a firm knot (but not so tight that it loses its fluffiness). Continue around the blanket until all strips are knotted. *Tip: 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.*

**For double-layer blankets:** Pick up a strip of fleece, keeping the 2 layers of fleece flat against each other. (You're not separating the top and bottom fleeces and tying them together.) Loop the strip around and pull it through itself, making a firm knot (but not so tight it loses its fluffiness). Continue around the blanket until all strips are knotted.

