

Easy Fringed Fleece Blanket Pattern

For Baby Blanket...
For Adult Afghan...
For Tall Adult Afghan...

1 yard of fleece, 54-60" wide OR 1 ½ yards fleece, 44" wide
2 yards of fleece, 54-60" wide
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Sharp pointed scissors (Fleece dulls scissors, so you may have to purchase another pair after making a few blankets.)

Ruler to measure 2 templates that you will make of **heavy cardboard**...One template 3" square + one template 1" x 3"

Large disposable plastic cup or trash can to catch your "snips"

Sandwich picks or tweezers or match stick

1. Trim off selvedge edges. If the fabric store did not cut the ends straight, also straighten that cut. Save any large scraps for other uses (larger ones can be stacked, trimmed to same size, and sewn zig-zag on one end to make soft cloth baby books). It is very helpful to have a rotary cutting mat and rotary cutter (like quilters use) if you plan to make a lot of blankets.
2. Fold fabric in half lengthwise.
3. Using the 3" square template, cut out a 3" square at the non-folded corners. (Also save these cut-outs to make small baby books or, if your group has a lot of them, possibly make a patchwork quilt with these squares?)

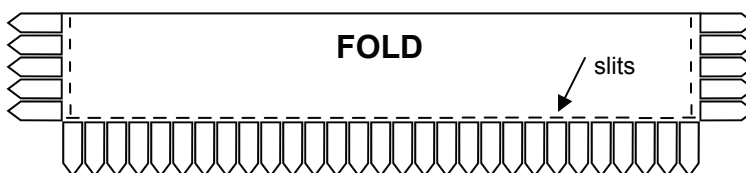


4. On the 3 sides that are non-folded, use the 1" x 3" template and lay it repeatedly all around the cut edges of the fabric to cut strips that are 1" wide and 3" deep. Be sure to keep the edges of the fabric together and you can cut both layers at once.

When you get to the fold, you will need to slit that strip in half on the fold to create two strips out of the larger one that is caused by the fold.

The strips will become your blanket fringe, so do NOT cut them off the blanket!

5. Fold each strip in half lengthwise & cut a picket-fence point on the outer end by cutting the end off toward the fold at a 45-degree angle.
6. Fold each strip in half lengthwise again and cut a TINY slit at the top of each strip. Remember when you unfold the strip, the slit will be twice as large as you cut it. You can always make it larger, but you can't make it smaller, so cut carefully!



7. Bend each strip (one at a time) toward the back side of the blanket and rest the picket fence point on the slit. Use the blunt end of a sandwich pick to begin poking the point through the slit to the front. Grasp with your fingers and finish pulling snugly through to the front. Repeat around the entire blanket. Be sure you always poke through from the back side to the front side.
8. For **BLANKET THE STATE MINISTRIES**, when you have finished a group of blankets, please contact Marsha Cook at rmlcook@sbcglobal.net or 405-275-2088 and request standardized sew-on labels and Gift Cards for each blanket you plan to distribute. Also be prepared to report how many blankets you will be delivering and where you plan to deliver them.
9. When you receive the labels and Gift Cards, please sew the labels on by machine on the lower right corner of the back of each blanket, stitching around all four sides. You may want to use white thread on the top of the label and a color that matches your blanket as the bobbin thread color (that will show on the front of the blanket). Type, stamp, or write in your church's name and phone number on the bottom line of each Gift Card. Package each finished blanket with a Gift Card showing inside a 2 ½ gal- lon zipped plastic bag.
10. Pray for the recipient of each blanket and deliver them to your chosen destination! Then make plans for the next time and start again!

THANK YOU FOR...

"Blanketing the state with love and life!"