

How to make fleece tie blankets

Select your fleece material. Use two different coordinating pieces of fleece fabric– mix a solid and pattern together or you can select two pieces of fleece each with a different pattern to tie together. Sometimes patterns that don't seem like they would go together actually complement each other quite well. (Mix a polka dot with a chevron or a large pattern with a smaller pattern.)

You will need 1.5 yards of each fleece to make (4) 16 x 20 inch tie blankets. (These fleece blankets are given to children as a security blanket during their treatment at Rogers.)

1. **Spread out the material.** Stack both pieces of fleece together (back to back) with the brightly colored or pattern side facing on the outside. Line up the edges and trim to size, if needed. Cut from each 1.5 yards of fleece - four (4) pieces size 26 x 30 inches to make a finished size blanket of 16 x 20 inches.
2. **Consider how you will measure the cuts to make the ties.** They don't have to be exact. Cut out a square (5" x 5") from each corner with a pair of scissors. Make sure you are cutting through both pieces of fleece.

Use something square in shape to measure. If you have trouble seeing the graduations on a ruler, a card cut to the right measurements (for instance 5"x5") is easier to use to make corner cuts even and strips uniform in length.

3. **Start cutting strips.** Cut strips - 5 inch in length by 1 inch wide from each corner all the way to the end.



These strips don't have to be exactly uniform, but they should be approximately the same size. Small irregularities will not be noticeable in the finished product.

4. **Tie the corner strips together.** Using a simple knot, attach the bottom layer to the top layer. Tighten the knot. (Another method is to pin the inside of both pieces of fleece together just above the cuts all the way around the blanket. This way when you start tying the fleece doesn't pucker too much.)
5. **Tie the strips at the end between the two corners next in the same way.** Don't worry if the fleece puckers.
6. **Tie the strips down each side for the length of the blanket.** Flatten as needed. Continue tying the strips together until the blanket is finished.

