# No-Sew Fleece Blanket Instructions

**Materials:**

- Sharp fabric scissors
- 8 Safety pins
- 2 Coordinating fleece fabrics
  - 1 yard EACH of two coordinating fabrics for Baby Blanket
  - 1 ½ - 2 yards EACH of two coordinating fabrics for Teen/Adult Blanket
- 4” x 1” strip of index stock and 4” square for Baby Blanket
- 6” x 1” strip of index stock and 6” square for Teen/Adult Blanket

The patterns will be provided in class. You can also cut your patterns from a file folder. Use a ruler and make sure everything is straight.

1.) **LAYING YOUR FABRIC OUT (this is easier with two people)**

Lay your first piece of fabric out on the ground and smooth it out. *The good side faces the ground.*

Lay your second piece of fabric out on top of the first piece. *The good side faces up.* Line up a top and a side. If you have excess fabric on the other two sides, trim it so that everything is even.

Two of your sides will have a selvage. You will see tiny little dots along the edge. Trim those two sides a little and cut the dotted edge off.

When you finish this step, all you will see is the top piece of fabric—on the good side. The other good side will be on the floor. Have a teacher/parent check your fabric placement before you begin cutting.

2.) **CUTTING SQUARES FROM EACH CORNER**

If you are making a Baby Blanket, you need the 4” square
If you are making a Teen/Adult Blanket, you need the 6” square

Lay the square on the very corner of your blanket. Hold it in place and cut a square from each corner of your fabric. Pin a safety pin in each corner, above where you cut out the square, to hold your fabric in position. Pin a safety pin along each side as well—somewhere toward the middle.

When you finish this step, you will have a perfect rectangle with a square cut from each corner. You will have a safety pin holding each corner and each side together. Have a teacher/parent double check before you begin cutting your strips.
3.) **CUTTING ONE INCH STRIPS ALL AROUND THE BLANKET**

Now you are ready to cut your strips. Using your 4”x1” strip (baby) or 6” x1” strip (teen/adult), line your strip up at the edge of your fabric and cut *right along the edge*. You need to make long smooth cuts—but only to the end of the strip. You want to have perfect one-inch strips all around the perimeter of your blanket.

Sometimes when you get toward the end of a side, you can see that you’re not going to have one inch increments all the way down, and you have to “fudge” a little on your measuring so that your strips are *almost* one inch all the way down the side.

![Diagram showing cutting strips](image)

*When you finish this step, your fabric will be held in place by safety pins, and you will have fringe all the way around.*

4.) **TYING THE FRINGE**

Tie each set of fringe together in a square knot: right over left, left over right. Give it a little tug to make sure the knot is secure—but not too tightly, or you’ll get puckers.

Tie your long edge first, and then the *opposite side.*
Tie your short edges.