



Project Linus is a national volunteer non-profit 501c3 organization

Our Mission is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade and washable blankets, quilts and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer “blanketeers.”

Recipients for our local chapter's blankets (Santa Clara County) include:

CASA (Child Advocates)

El Camino Hospital NICU

Good Samaritan Hospital NICU

JW House

Kaiser Santa Clara Hospital – NICU & Pediatrics

Kinship, Adoptive & Foster Parent Association (KAFPA) of Santa Clara County

O'Connor Hospital - NICU and Pediatrics

Parents Helping Parents

Public Health

Ronald McDonald House

Regional Medical Center

San Jose Family Shelter

San Jose Social Services

TAPS-Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors

Valley Medical Center



Make A Blanket Day (MABD)

Instructions for MABD are found on pages 3 to 6

Project Linus can assist you by:

- Providing our vendor contact for you to purchase fleece**
- Providing personnel assistance/support during your MABD event**
- Providing scissors, tape measures, pins, etc.**

Cutting the fleece fringes takes approximately 30 minutes each.

Knotting the cut fleece fringes takes approximately 15 minutes each.

Attaching the Project Linus label and signing/attaching the tag takes approximately 5 minutes.

These approximations may be used to determine how many blankets you would like to attempt based on the number of people participating in and the time allotted for your event.

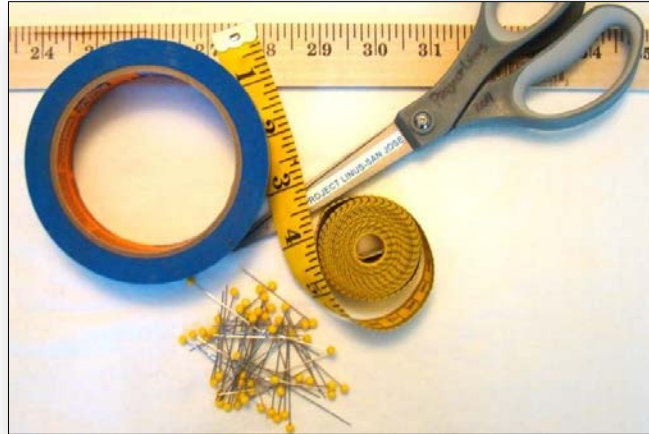
Four Easy Steps to a Warm, Cuddly Blanket

1. Purchase new fleece

1-1/2 or 2 yards length of fleece (pick fun, kid-friendly patterns; no solids please)

2. Gather the tools you will need →

- Sharp Scissors** (preferably for fabric)
- Straight pins**
- Measuring tape or Painter's tape**
- Straight edge** – a yardstick works well
- Pen or Pencil**
- Clean, flat surface to work on**



3. Make a blanket – the fun part!

See the next pages for instructions to make a Single Layer, No-Sew Fleece blanket

4. Drop off:

the finished blanket at any SJ Linus Drop Off Locations listed at <http://www.sjlinus.org>

- OR -

4. If this is a Community Service project:

A. Track your hours, then...

B. Take your blanket(s) for sign off by making an appointment with neither:

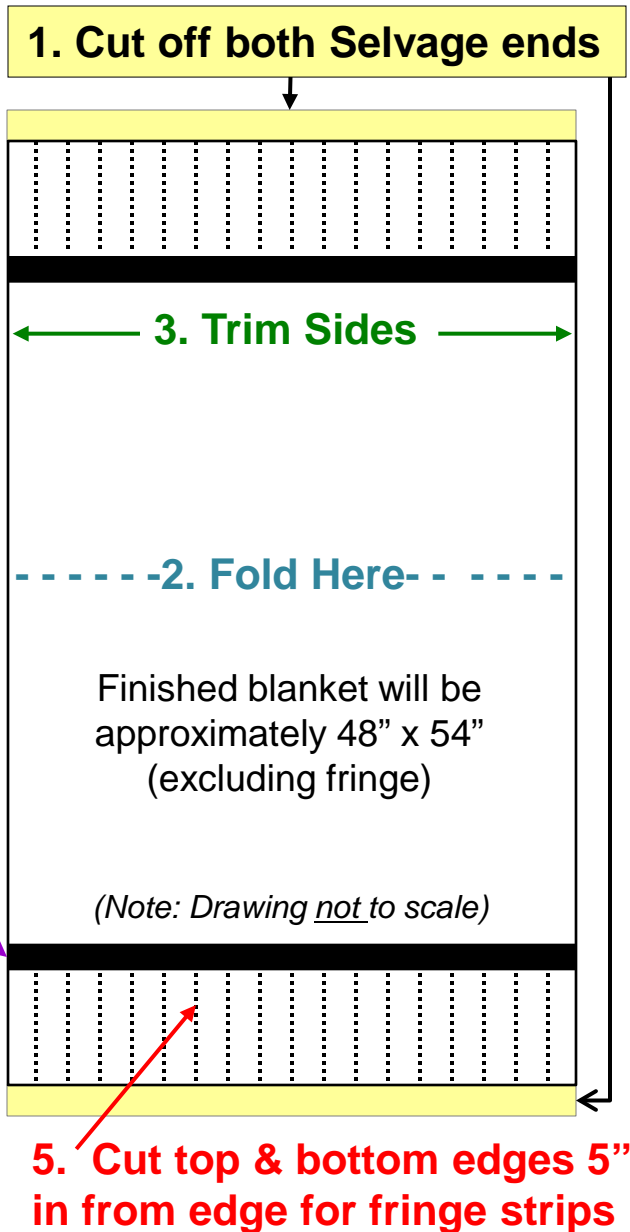
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* How to make a Single Layer No-Sew Fleece Blanket

*Start with a **1-1/2 or 2 yard long piece of patterned fleece**
('kid-friendly' patterns, no solids please)

- 1. Carefully trim off the 2 selvage edges** (those rolled, rough, pin-holed or discolored edges), leaving a very straight, clean edge – see picture on next page
- 2. Fold fleece in half** (with trimmed selvage edges together)
- 3. Trim to even-up the sides and selvage edges**
- 4. Place a measuring tape or painter's tape 5" from the selvage edge and pin through both layers of fleece**
- 5. If using painter's tape, mark every 1" for fringe pattern** (avoid drawing directly on fleece), then cut **fringe strips** up to the tape, cutting both layers at the same time – see picture on next page
- 6. Remove tape and pins; UNFOLD FLEECE**
- 7. Loosely tie each separate piece of fringe with a simple knot** at the top of each strip (where it connects to the rest of the blanket) – see picture on next page

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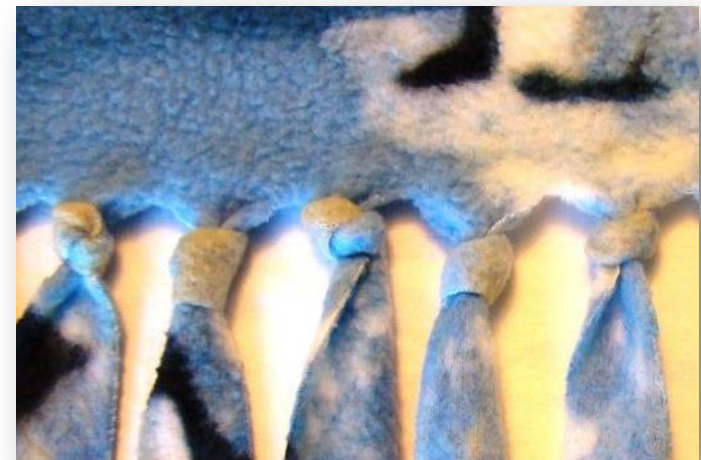




Step 1 – Trim off selvage at both ends of fleece.
These are the rolled, rough, pin-holed or discolored edges
and could be 1/2" – 2"+ wide.
Some may even have writing on them from the fabric maker.



Step 5 - Cut fringe in 1" wide strips



Step 7 – Loosely tie a simple knot at top of each fringe piece; **BE SURE blanket lies FLAT when finished**



Instructions for adding cloth labels and paper tags to Project Linus blankets:

- On the back of the blanket near a corner, securely sew only the short edges of the cloth label (see photo above)
 - For fleece blankets, receiving blankets and quilts, please machine stitch if possible (back-stitch or tack at the edges of the label)
For knitted and crocheted blankets you may hand stitch the labels securely to the blankets
 - Next, tie the strings of the paper tag through the loop made by the sewn-on label. (If the paper tag is already tied elsewhere on the blanket, that's fine too.) Tie the string ends in a knot, with the strings hanging loosely around the cloth label.

All of our blankets need both a cloth label and paper tag before we can distribute them to the children. The paper tag should include the first name and the last name initial of the blanket maker and/or the name of the organization that made it (eg Brownie Troop 12345). If the name is not known, please write “Someone Who Cares” as the name.