

Single layer no-sew KNOTTED fleece blanket

Four easy steps to a warm, cuddly blanket

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Purchase new “blizzard” or anti-pill fleece

Either a **1-1/2 yard length for young children** or a **2 yard length for teenagers**
(pick fun, kid-friendly patterns - no solids or “Make It, Give It” kits please)

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Gather the tools you will need

- ☐ **Clean, flat surface to work on**
- ☐ **Sharp scissors or fabric rotary cutter**
- ☐ **Cutting mat** (required for rotary cutter)
- ☐ **Straight pins**
- ☐ **Measuring tape or blue painter’s tape**
- ☐ **Straight edge** – a yardstick works well
- ☐ **Pen or pencil**
- ☐ **Needle and thread** (or sewing machine, if you have one)

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Make a blanket – the fun part!

See the next page for instructions to make a single layer no-sew KNOTTED fleece blanket

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

- OR -

If this is a Community Service project which requires sign-off:

- A. Track your hours, then...**
- B. Make an appointment to bring your blankets for sign off by one of the leaders listed under “Community Service Projects” on the sjlinus.org web page.**

Single layer no-sew KNOTTED fleece blanket instructions

Step 1 – Prep fleece

- Fold fleece in half with selvage* edges together.
- Carefully cut off selvage through both layers using a straight edge, leaving very straight, clean edges. If you have a cutting mat, line up the folded fleece on a straight line to cut.
**Rolled, rough or discolored edges and could be 1/2" – 2"+ wide. Some fleece selvage may have fabric maker writing.*
- Then trim the right and left sides to ensure straight edges.



Step 2 – Cut the fleece edge strips on 2 sides only

- Keep the fleece folded in half.**
- Place a measuring tape or blue painter's tape as a guiding line 5 inches from the selvage edge and pin the tape through both layers of fleece. If using painter's tape, mark every 1-inch for fringe pattern (do NOT draw directly on fleece).
 - Cut fleece strips up to the tape, cutting both layers at the same time – each strip should be 1-inch wide & 5-inches tall.
***Note: for a 2 yard piece of fleece, re-fold in the opposite direction to cut your strips on the two NON-selvage edges.*



Step 3 – Tie the knots

- Remove tape and pins; UNFOLD FLEECE.
- 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).
- Take care that all knots are alike and fringe strips lay flat.



Step 4 – Prepare for drop-off

- Place your fleece blanket in an unscented plastic bag to keep it clean and dry. Large plastic trash bags work well for multiple blankets.
- Please include a note with your name and either your address or phone number or email address.
- Bring your fleece blanket(s) to any drop-off location found on our website: www.sjlinus.org

Thank you for creating and donating your soft, warm fleece blanket to comfort children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need of security and love.

#1B Prep - cut off both selvage ends

