

SUPPLEE WEEK OF SERVICE PROJECT

NO SEW FLEECE BLANKET FOR ONE HOUSE AT A TIME/BEDS FOR KIDS

Make a no sew fleece blanket in 5 easy steps! It's the perfect project for kids who want to help kids! Make a double-layer blanket using the instructions below. Blankets that are donated to OHAAT's Beds for Kids program will be delivered along with beds to children who are sleeping on the floor, on sofas, or crowded into bed with several family members. **Please make and store blankets in an area free of pet hair and tobacco smoke, which are allergens for some children.** **RETURN ALL COMPLETED BLANKETS TO SUPPLEE BY MAY 2ND.**

Materials:

- 4 yards of fleece fabric (at least 54" wide)—This can be all one design or 2 yards each of two coordinating designs
- Fabric scissors
- Ruler or tape measure, small piece of cardboard or paper

Step 1: Lay each piece of fleece flat on a table. Cut off selvage (rough) edges. (They're usually white and printed with text or with perforated holes.) Trim only as much as necessary, usually not more than 2 inches on each side. Make sure that your edges are straight and square.

Step 2: Cut each 2 yard piece to the same size and lay them down together, with the back (wrong) sides facing each other. Make sure they are aligned before you begin cutting, as you'll be cutting through both pieces at the same time. Pinning them together in several places will help prevent movement of the fabric as you cut.

Note: from this point on you will work with the two pieces of fabric together—do not separate the double layers.

Step 3: Cut a 4" by 4" square out of each corner and discard. *Tip: Cut a 4" by 4" piece of paper or cardboard to use as a corner template—see where the red circle is in the figure below.*

Step 4: Cut 4" long by 1" wide fringe around all four sides. Use a ruler to measure or cut a 1 inch x 4 inch template of cardboard or paper. As you get close to the cut-out corners adjust the width of the fringe if needed. It is better to have some fringe slightly wider than an inch than too narrow!

Step 5: Pick up a strip of fleece, keeping the 2 layers of fleece together. (You're not separating the top and bottom fleeces and tying them together.) Loop the strip around and pull it through itself, making a firm knot (but not so tight it loses its fluffiness). Continue around the blanket until all strips are knotted.

