

NO SEW BLANKETS FOR DOG/CAT ADOPTION SEND HOME BAGS

Materials

- A rectangle of no sew fleece- 2' by 3' makes a nice size blanket.
- Fabric shears

Step One:

Gather your fleece, a large ruler, scissors and marking chalk. You will need 2 layers of fleece per blanket. For pet blankets, 1 yard of each is plenty. If you want to do a people blanket, you're probably going to want 2 yards of each fleece.

Step Two:

Cut off the selvages on each piece of fleece. There will be 2 selvages on each piece. One selvage is usually white with printing on it and the other usually looks like the rest of the fleece but has tiny holes in it – you really want to remove them for a nice finish. (Save the selvages! Knot them together in various ways and boom: instant dog toy!) Then lay your fleece pieces on top of each other – they don't have to match up EXACTLY. In this case, close is good enough. If your fleece has a "right" and "wrong" side, you want wrong sides together.



Step Three:

Mark off a four-inch square in each corner.



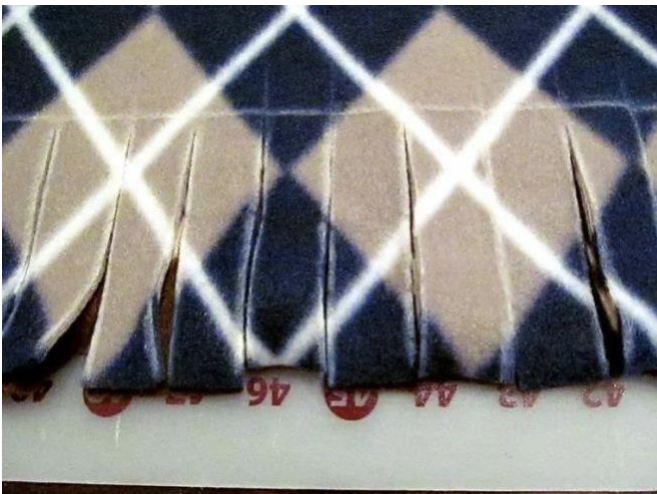
Step Four:

Along each side in between the squares you just made, mark off strips that are one inch wide and four inches deep. THIS DOES NOT NEED TO BE PERFECT. If you are good at cutting straight, even lines you don't necessarily have to do such detailed marking. I find these measurements give you enough room to make the knots without it being too bulky and without making more cuts than necessary. If you use marking chalk, most of it will brush off as you cut and knot.



Step Five:

First, cut out the squares in each corner. Then cut your fringe. Make sure you are cutting through BOTH layers of fleece! Again, nothing here needs to be absolutely perfect! Once the knots are tied, little imperfections won't be noticed.



Note before knotting!

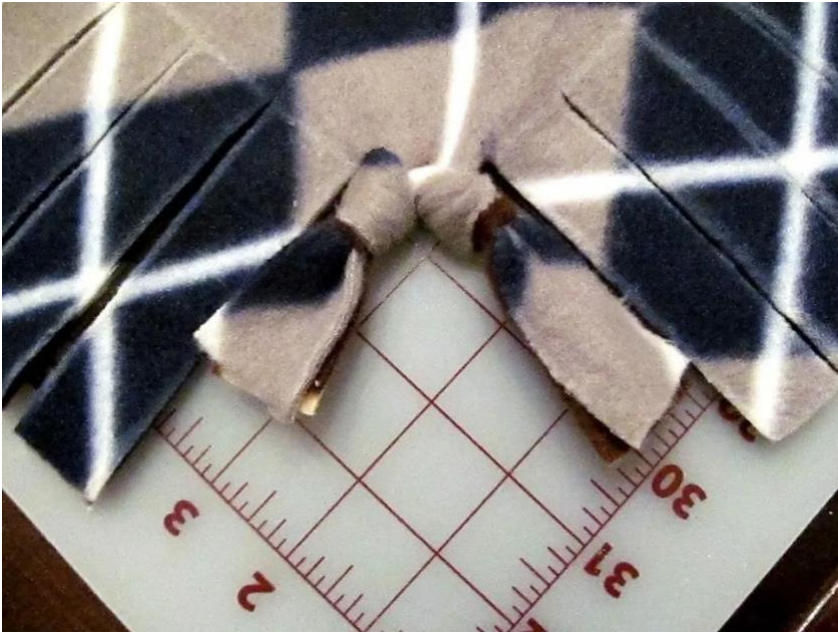
I have found there is a "pretty" way to tie the knots and a "not as pretty" way. The pretty way is to keep both layers of fleece together and do a loop knot.

The not as pretty way is to separate the two layers and tie them together.

Either way you choose to do it, the dogs and cats will be thrilled to have something to snuggle on!

Step Six:

Start tying your knots. I suggest tying the 2 knots at each corner first and then you can move yourself and the blanket to the couch to finish up. Once all your knots are tied, you're done!



Variations:

– On one side, knot the layers individually instead of the two layers together and you will have a snuggle sack for pets who like to burrow!

Thank you for your interest in making no sew blankets for the dogs and cats in our care!