

HOW TO MAKE A SINGLE LAYER FLEECE BLANKET

*(the perfect
Project Linus blanket!)*

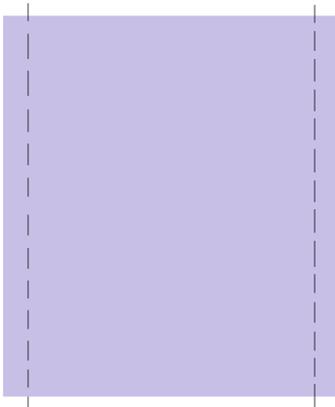


STEP 1 - How much fleece do you need?

Start with a piece of fleece that is 1-1/2 yards (54") to 2 yards (72") long and 60" wide. (60" is the normal width for fleece that you buy off the bolt at the fabric store, but check before they cut it for you!) Since you will lose 4" on all four sides when you make the fringe, that means that a piece of fleece that starts out at 1-1/2 yards long (54") by 60" wide will become a blanket that is 46" x 52", a great size for younger kids. A piece of fleece that starts out at 2 yards long (72") by 60" wide will become a blanket that is 64" x 52". This is the perfect size for teens and preteens!

The size of blanket that you make will often be determined by the type of fleece you can find. Some prints are good for younger kids and others are better for older kids. Please don't use solid color fleece. The fleece you select should be cheerful and fun. Remember these are for kids!

STEP 2 – Cut the selvages off the fleece.

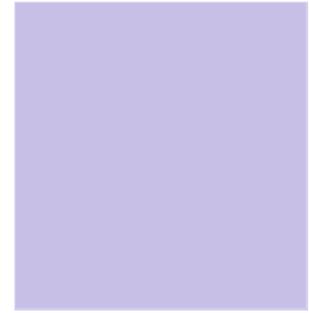


The "selvage" is about a 1" strip on both side edges of the fleece that is different in texture and sometimes color from the rest of the fleece. This should be cut off before you do anything else! (Because it needs to go and it's a lot more work to do it later.)

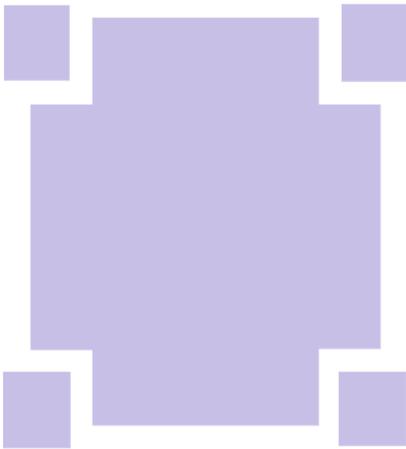
Using a rotary cutter or a sharp scissors, remove both selvages before you go any further.

STEP 3 – Square up your fleece.

Now is also the time to make sure your fleece is squared up (or maybe rectangled up, to be more precise). Check to see that your edges are straight and your corners are at 90 degree angles. Fix anything that needs fixing.



STEP 4 – Cut a 4” square from each corner.



Measure and cut a 4” square off of each corner of the fleece. You can make a template out of paper or cardboard, or you can just use the first square that you cut as a pattern when cutting the rest of the corners. It will stick to the fleece without pinning!

Discard the squares when you’re done.

STEP 5 – Cut fringe and tie a knot in each piece.

Cut fringe on all four side of the blanket. You should cut strips that are 4” long and approximately 1/2” to 1” wide. To make sure you’re not cutting too deeply into the fleece, make a chalk line or run a piece of masking tape from corner to corner to use as a cutting line.

Finally, tie a knot in each piece of fringe. The knot is simply decorative, but it provides a nice finished edge to the blanket.

Do not tie two pieces of fringe together, as this can pull too tightly and distort the edge.

Congratulations! You’re done! You have made a Project Linus blanket!

