

# Put Together a Made With Love Fleece Tie Blanket

## About the Fabric ♥

**Fleece** is a very warm, soft fabric often used to make or line jackets. Non-pilling fleece is best, since it is more resilient than traditional fleece. To make a tie blanket, you'll need two pieces of fleece which are about the same size. Pick fun patterns or colors to make the blanket extra special. Make sure to get equal yardage of each fabric.

A **selvage** is a self-finished border that keeps fabric from fraying. If your fabric is bordered by a selvage, you'll need to remove it before starting.

There are **right and wrong sides of your fabric!** Tell the difference by the strength of the pattern, the softness or the color. The wrong side tends to look faded and feel rougher. If you're using a solid color fabric, there may not be a wrong side.



When you buy a **yard of fabric**, it is 36 inches in length. Most fleece is 56 – 60 inches wide. This can help you determine the size of the blanket you're making.

## What Size Blanket is Best? ♥

To make a **kids' comfort blanket**, aim for a finished size of 30 – 45 inches square. Add about 5 inches to the finished size to get your starting size.

To make a **warm blanket for a child, teen or senior citizen**, choose a cut of fabric that is 1.5 – 3 yards long.

A **shawl-like size** is great for the elderly and you can double your gift easily! Just get a 1.5 yards of a fabric that is 60 inches wide. Make the shawls by cutting the width in half, giving you two shawls of 30 by 60 inches.

**Any size blanket** you decide to make will give comfort and warmth to those in need!

## ♥ Make Your Tie Blanket

Begin with two pieces of fleece fabric, cut to desired size.

Machine wash fabric. This step can be performed before tying or afterward, as the finished blankets wash and dry beautifully.

Place pieces of fleece together, with wrong sides together. Match all edges. You can trim off any excess fabric or leave it on, as the tied edges make the blanket very forgiving.

Cut a square from each corner, roughly 2.5 – 3 inches X 2.5 – 3 inches. You can use a pre-cut card as a guide for uniformity. Make sure to cut through both layers of fabric.

Make cuts approximately 1 inch apart along all sides of the cloth. Cuts should go through both layers and be about even with the corner cut-out. You can use your card or a yard stick for more even cuts.

Starting with one corner, make a double knot using the upper and lower strips to the right of the cut-out. Repeat on the left side and then repeat for each corner. This will anchor the blanket.

Continue tying upper and lower strips together in a double knot until all strips are knotted. Don't worry about puckering; it will ease some once the blanket is complete.

Once the edges are completely knotted, shake the blanket out and admire your work – a warm, comforting blanket! If you didn't machine wash prior to tying, do so now.

For more detailed directions and video tutorials, visit YouTube or websites like <http://wikiphow.com/Make-a-Fleece-Tie-Blanket>.

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