

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE FOR FLEECE BLANKETS: Smooth ties

Materials needed:

1 - 2 yards of fleece solid color (depending on desired size of blanket)

1 - 2 yards of fleece patterned (depending on desired size of blanket)

pattern board or something to protect the surface of cutting table

scissors

measuring tape

4" sq template

1. On flat surface (table, clean floor): smooth out the first piece of fleece with the nap side out (the side you want showing) and place the second piece directly over at smoothing it out and making sure the two pieces are lined up.

TIP: Use the palm of your hand to smooth out wrinkles as fleece fabric stretches if it is pulled.

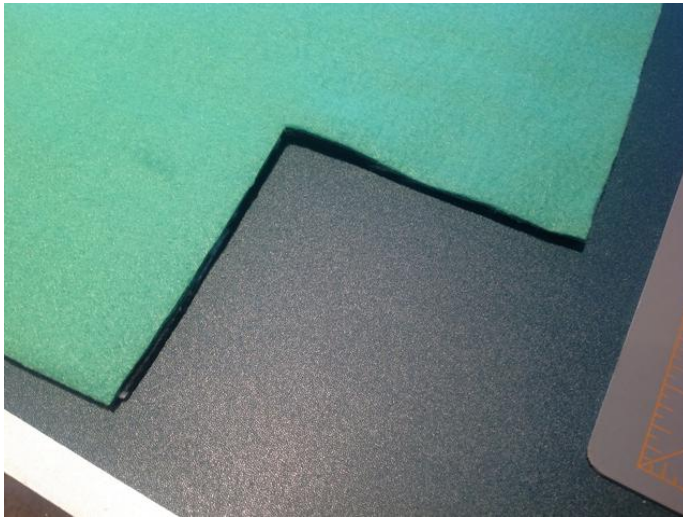


2. Trim all four edges to desired width and length. Do this BEFORE you measure the fabric.

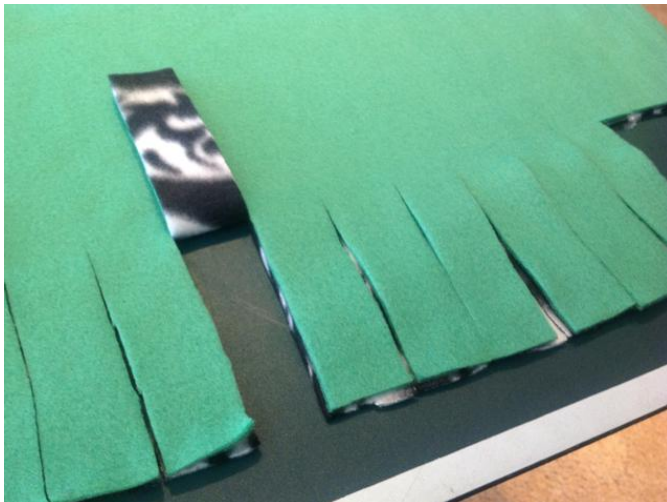
1 ½ yards square makes a very large blanket.

You could make them either square or rectangular or shaped

3. After trimming all four sides so they are even, cut out of 4 inch square out of each corner using the template.



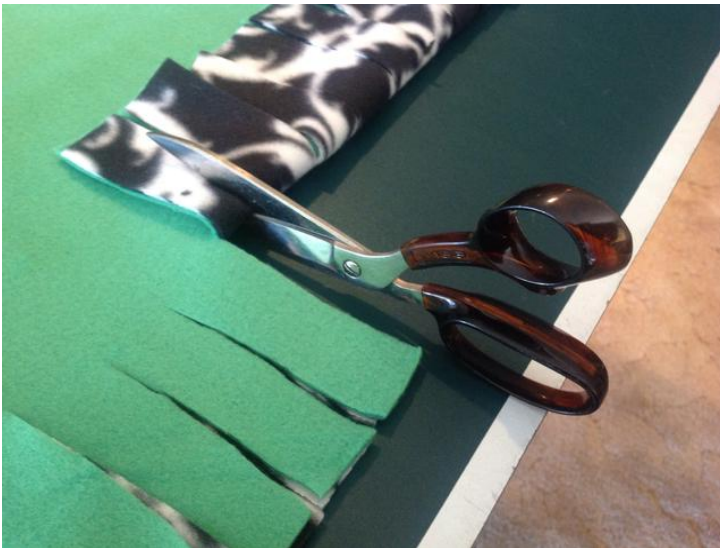
4. Begin at one corner begin cutting a four inch strip along the edges. The strips should be approx. 1-1 ¼ inch wide. TIP: If you're right-handed begin at the left corner; if you're left-handed it might be easier to start from the right-hand corner.



5. Fold the double straps up as you cut them and smooth and flat with your hand.



6. Cut small slits in the flaps really the smaller the better. These are the holes you'll push the fabric through to "tie" so the smaller the better to keep the material in place.



7. Turn the two strips of fabric up and pull down through the inside of the slit. Tug them gently to make tight. The material will “pop” into place!



8. Continue this around all four sides and Voila - blanket is finished!

