

SINGLE LAYER, NO-SEW FLEECE BLANKET

These no-sew, single layer knotted fleece blankets are our chapter's most requested item. They are snugly, easy to store, and the fleece comes in an array of popular designs and colors.

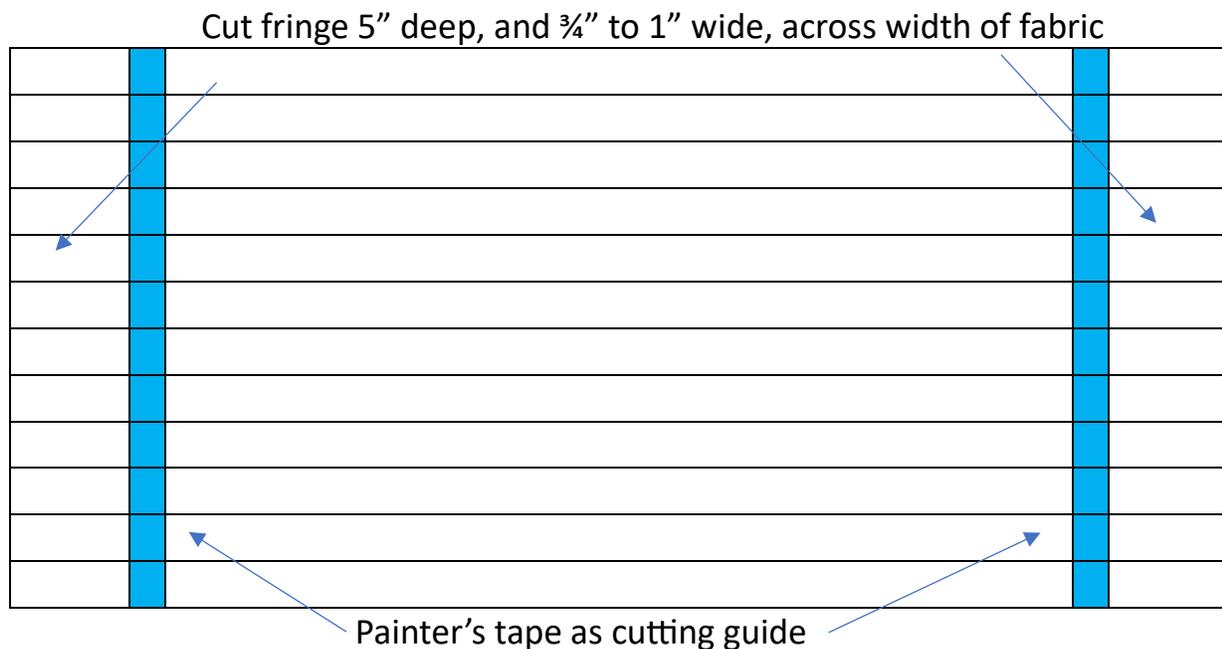
Suggested supplies: sharp scissors or rotary cutter, ruler, painter's tape, or other cutting guide.

Fabric: 1.25 to 1.5 yards of 58"-60" fleece in a child-friendly (age 0-18) print or color. We do not recommend using Minky or a similar material. "Regular" fleece is better suited to this type of blanket.

1. Cut the selvages from the sides of the fleece. The selvages are the finished, uncut edges, ½" to 1" wide. They may have a different texture, little holes or printing.
2. For the top and bottom of the blanket, cut a row of 1" wide x 5" high fringe on the two narrow sides of the fabric. Less than 1" is acceptable, more than 1" will be hard to knot. Use painter's tape to mark the 5" cutting line, or use another cutting guide of your choice. Place a piece of tape across the full width of the fabric, 5" above the narrow edge of the fabric. Cut the fringe up to the tape across the full width. Remove and reposition tape on the other edge and repeat. (See illustration below for example of tape placement. Illustration is not to scale.)

TIP: Depending on the sharpness of the scissors and the strength of the person cutting the fringe, it may be possible to fold the fleece in half (narrow sides together) and cut both edges at the same time.

3. Loosely tie each separate piece of fringe with a simple overhand knot, making sure the knot is close to the uncut edge of the fabric. Keep the knot loose – if it's too tight, the fabric will buckle and bow.



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