



INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING A TIE BLANKET

Materials

- 2 panels of fleece of equal size (1 1/2 yards each)
- Scissors
- A Ruler
- 4 x 4 inch piece of paper (Look to the back of this packet for a template that you can cut out)
- Sidewalk chalk (Not necessary – look to step 4)

1) Choose two pieces of fleece. You can choose two pieces that are the same pattern, two different patterns, or a pattern on one side and a plain color on the other. We need blankets for young children and teenagers, so pick the patterns you think would be the most fun!

2) Align one piece of fleece on top of the other on a flat surface. Make sure that the fleece you want to be the back of your blanket is facing down, towards the flat surface. The fleece you want to be the top of your blanket should be face up. Trim off any undesirable edges, (such as edges with print, uneven edges, or curled up edges) so both pieces of fabric are of equal size. Try to cut in a relatively straight line, but it doesn't need to be perfect.

3) cut out the 4 x 4 template from the back page of this packet. Then take your 4 x 4 square and lay it on one corner of your blanket. Using the square as a template, cut through both layers of fleece around the square. Proceed to do this on all four corners.

4) Now you are ready to cut your fringes. Cut the fringe at one inch intervals along all four sides of the blanket. The depth of the fringe should match the depth of the corners, which is 4 inches. Each fringe will be 4 inches deep and 1 inch wide. *Your fringes don't need to be one inch exactly, just try to keep them the same size.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Take your ruler and measure four inches up from each edge of the blanket and mark a line across the blanket using sidewalk chalk. This line should be connecting the top of the corners across the blanket. This will make it easier to see how deep you need to cut your fringes.
- Then mark one inch intervals along the edge of the fleece, using sidewalk chalk, this will make it easier to see how wide your fringes need to be.
- If you do not have sidewalk chalk, it may be helpful to find a household item that is 4 inches long, and use it as a guide to determine how deep to make your fringes. You can also find a household item that is 1 inch wide, to help you determine how wide to make your fringes.

5) Starting on one side of the blanket take aligned pieces of fringe from each piece of fabric, and tie square knots or double overhand knots. The directions for a square knot are as follows:

overlap the two sections so they crisscross like an X. (the top fringe and the bottom fringe) then pull one section through the hole and pull tight. *Remember which piece of fabric you pulled through*. THEN again, overlap the two sections (making a crisscross) and pull the opposite piece of fabric you pulled

through the hole the first time -- through the hole and pull the knot tight.

complete one side of your blanket, and then each of the remaining three sides.

6) once you are done making your blanket, call 715.386.0628. to schedule a time to drop the blankets off. You will drop the blankets off at 1008 Cardinal Circle, Hudson WI.

THANK YOU!

Blankets for a Brighter Day

4 x 4 Template