

## Introduction: How to Make a Tied Fleece Blanket



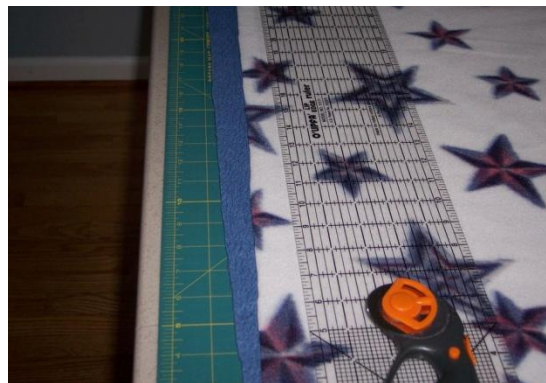
Here are the steps in making a very simple fleece blanket with tied ends. No sewing required! You will need 2 pieces of fleece, 1 1/4 yards each, a pair of fabric scissors (or a rotary cutter - much easier!), cutting board (or some kind of cutting surface) and a ruler or straight-edge.

### Step 1:



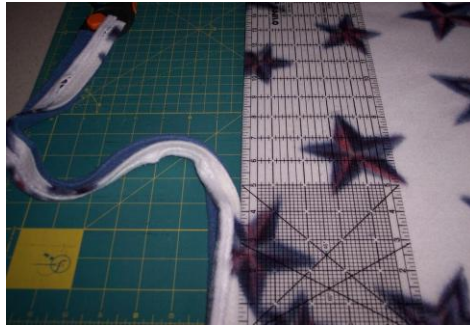
Lay the two pieces of fleece wrong sides together.

### Step 2:



With the fabric on top of each other, trim off any ends as necessary to make them the same size.

### Step 3:



Use a rotary cutter and cut right along the edge of your ruler or straight-edge.

**Step 4:**



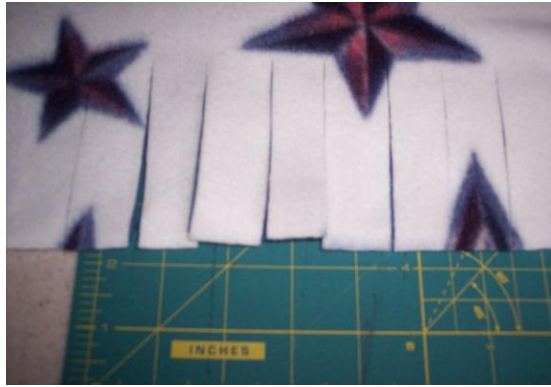
Cut out a square about 3-4 inches from each corner. This will prevent bunching of the material in the corners and help to make tying easier.

**Step 5:**



Make sure you cut out the square from all 4 corners of the fabric.

**Step 6:**



Next cut out slits - almost like a fringe - about 3 inches deep all the way around the fabric. Just make sure you cut deep enough so that you can tie the pieces together. If the slits are too short, you won't be able to double knot them.

**Step 7:**



This picture shows that you cut the slits through both pieces of fabric while they are layered together. This way, you have the same number of slits all the way around.

**Step 8:**



Tie the matching top and bottom slits together into double knots (helps them to stay together after washing).

**Step 9:**



Continue tying all the way around the fabric until your blanket is complete!