

Blankets of Honor

No-sew lap robes for Vets and injured returning soldiers

You will need 2 pieces of coordinating fleece (a print and solid or two coordinating colors).... each piece a $1\frac{1}{4}$ yard long. You will need sharp scissors (ones that have only cut fabric, if possible). Cut two pieces of cardboard-- one 4 X4 and the other 4X3.

Turn both pieces of fleece wrong side together...back to back. Outside on both sides should be the right side of fleece showing. Cut salvage off of both pieces of fleece together, evening up the fleece. Both pieces, still together, should be same size now. Leave the both pieces of fleece together on a flat surface and do the following:



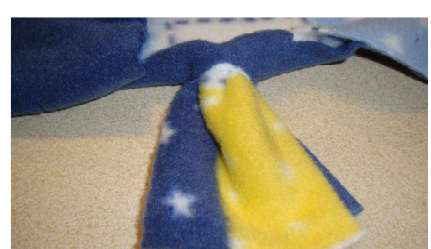
Using the 4 X 4 piece of cardboard as your guide, cut out the 4 corners (no need to draw lines...just hold the cardboard on the fabric and cut out the corners.

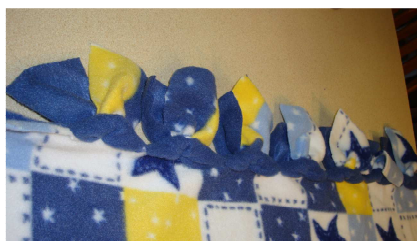
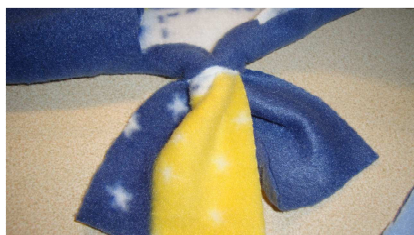


Next take the 4X3 piece of cardboard, lay down on the edges of the fleece and cut fringe 4 in deep every 3 inches. Starting at one corner, move the cardboard guide up one side of the 'lap robe' to you get to next corner cutting the 3 in fringe. Once again no need to draw lines, just use cardboard as your guide. (Do one side at a time ..leaving the lap robe flat on the table. At the end corner, fringe size may have to adjusted in size. It will not show.)



Take 3 in cut fringe, fold over to 'lap robe' and cut a $\frac{1}{2}$ in. slit (doubled it becomes 1 inch) in middle at 'fold over' spot. Take fringe and pull thru slit thus sealing blanket. Pull fringe apart....fanning out fringe. Repeat all the way down side until next corner.





Repeat steps 2 and 3 on each side until lap robe is complete.

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The lap robes are washable, take about an hour to complete and anyone can complete them (men, women and older children...no sewing experience needed). You don't have to be exact...the fringe hides all mistakes and seals lap robe for washing. Also the 'cut' fringe makes the 'lap robe' lay flat for storage as opposed to the way bought kits tell you to tie them in knots. Vets and returning soldiers love them because they are warm (even during the summer, they offer warmth in those air conditioned rooms and offer some privacy when leaving their room for therapy or tests.)