

Project Linus Fleece Blanket Guidelines

Our local hospitals will no longer accept fleece blankets for preemies.

Please make fleece blankets
54" x 60"

(1 1/2 yards of fleece per blanket)

or

60" x 72"

(2 yards of fleece per blanket)

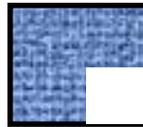
- ◆ We prefer single layer fleece blankets with straight fringe - no knots.
- ◆ The knots can get caught in tubing, wires, and bed rails. The knots are painful for sick children to lie on and can cause bed sores.

Please follow these guidelines:

- ◆ Cut off the selvages neatly (the edges that are curled or wavy with tiny needle punched holes along the edges).
- ◆ Fringe two opposite ends - not all four sides.
- ◆ Cut the fringe no longer than 2" - 3" long. The longer you cut the fringe, the less blanket there is for snuggling and the longer fringe can get caught in wires, tubing and side rails of the bed.
- ◆ Cut all fringe on a fleece blanket the same length and the same width.

If you do knot the fringe (which we prefer you don't)

- ◆ Cut a 4" square out of all 4 corners of the fleece.



- ◆ Then cut the fringe 4" long
- ◆ If you don't cut out these corners and the fringe is knotted too tightly the blanket ends up shaped like a bowl or basket - it will not lay flat.
- ◆ Do not use fuzzy (almost like fur) fleece for fringing. When it's fringed the fuzz flies all over the place & is not healthy for kids (or anyone) to breathe.
- ◆ Do not attach buttons or other decorative items to a blanket. They can be a choking hazard for children.

Following these guidelines
will insure a neatly
made blanket that will
comfort a child with
a warm blanket hug.



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Basic Straight Fringe

Place masking tape 2" from edge of blanket. Line up template along edge of masking tape. Cut from edge of blanket to the lines on the template.

To Make Template - draw lines (using a ruler) 1/2" apart or 1" apart (or the width you want your fringe) on card stock. Then cut the card stock into 2" strips.

If you plan to cut the Bunny Ears or Picket Fence variation - cut the strips at least 1" wide

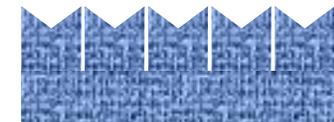


Variations of Basic Straight Fringe (Optional)

Jungle Grass



Picket Fence



Bunny Ears

