



GUIDELINES & TIPS

We appreciate your time and want you to succeed just as much as we appreciate your efforts, so please read thru this information carefully.

Your attention to these guidelines will ensure your blankets can be given to children who need warm blanket hugs.

Blankets can be quality, handmade no-sew or sewn fleece, quilts, knit or crochet.

Many children are sensitive to smoke, fragrances, pet dander, etc. If any of these might be present on your blankets, please wash them with unscented detergent/softener upon completion and store them immediately in plastic bags or other closed container.

SIZES

CHILD: at least 45x54" (115x140cm)

TEEN: at least 54x72" or larger (140x185cm)

FLEECE BLANKETS

—No-Sew Tutorial: <https://bit.ly/makeablanket>

—Generally, fleece blankets are made with 54x60" (1.5 yd fleece) or 60x72" (2 yd fleece). Please don't buy just one yard – the results are too narrow.

—If you're making a teen/large blanket, please use fleece with age-appropriate patterns.

—Please make single-layer blankets, as its rarely cold long enough in Central Texas for double-layered ones.

—Before fringing, please carefully cut off the selvages (the curled/wavy edges with needle-punched holes). A rotary cutter, ruler or self-healing mat, make this easier.

—No beads or embellishments – they can be a choking hazard for children.

—If sew finishing, please check blankets carefully for straight pins.

TIP: If more than one person will be fringing the blanket, decide on the width and length of the fringe before starting.

KNITTED OR CROCHETED BLANKETS

—Please cut off or weave in all the end pieces of the yarn. Don't leave them sticking out for a child to pull on and unravel. It makes a much neater-looking blanket.

—If you are using a heavy yarn, make a smaller blanket; the large blankets can end up weighing over five pounds and that's too heavy.

—Please don't use eyelash yarn – it can be a problem for sensitive little noses