



# pawsup PROJECTS



## Let's make No Sew Blankets!

**Purpose:** Animal shelters and rescues love fleece blankets for the pets in their care. Blankets are used for kittens to keep them warm and are a comfort to dogs and rabbits too.

### Materials List:

#### 1) Fleece Fabric

You'll need two pieces of fleece the same size to make each no-sew blanket. For kitty blankets start with an 18-inch or 24-inch square. Kitties don't care about the colors or prints, although animal prints look really cute! It's best to use two different colors or prints for each blanket. *Fleece can be purchased or donated from craft or fabric stores or on line. You can buy individual pieces or buy a roll.*

#### 2) Scissors

*Sharp sewing or craft scissors to cut the fleece*

#### 3) Ruler and a Yard Stick

*To mark the "cut to" lines on the fleece*

### Instructions:

The size of the blanket can vary. Some shelters/rescues want a particular size. Some common sizes are 26" x 30" or 26" x 40". Your finished blanket will be about 10-inches smaller than the fabric you start with, so fleece sheets should start around 36" x 40" or 36" x 50". If it's a few inches smaller or bigger that will be fine.

- 1) Choose 2 different patterns/colors of fleece for your blanket. Choosing one solid color and a print work well.
- 2) Line up the two fabric pieces with the side you want facing out. Trim to the same size.
- 3) Cut a 5-inch square from each of the 4 corners.
- 4) Cut fringe on all four sides of the blanket. Cut through both layers of fabric at the same time. Fringe pieces should be a little wider than the width of your finger. Cut in from the edge 5 inches. I like to lay a yard-stick across the fabric, 5 inches from the edge so that I know how far in to make my cut.
- 5) Leave your blanket laying flat on the surface, with all fringes lined up. I find it easier to start tying from the left and work right, going around the blanket. If you are left-handed, you may find it easier to start on the right and work left. These knots are called balloon knots... tie them just like you would if tying off a balloon!



**Approximate time to make one blanket after you have materials ready: 45 – 60 min**

**Video Reference:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8rQ89wbLOZ8>