

Micro Fleece Blanket

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This is a fun project that can be completed in a few hours. People will enjoy the warm soft fabric when snuggling in front of the TV or for reading a good book.

Materials: Two different colors of 60 x 60 inch micro fleece (the fleece with two soft sides); sewing machine with a walking foot; chalk marker; thread; safety pins; tape measure; embroidery scissors (the ones with the fat blades); scissors or rotary cutter with mat

Step 1	<i>Trim off the curly edges (the selvage).</i>
Step 2	<i>Lay the two pieces on top of each other and trim so they are the same size. Use safety pins to pin fabrics together while sewing.</i>
Step 3	<i>Draw a chalk line five inches in from each side. This makes the sewing guide. The five inches outside of the square will be fringed when done.</i>
Step 4	<i>Using the walking foot, sew around the square made by the chalk lines. This holds the two pieces together.</i>
Step 5	<i>Sew shapes inside the square, like diamonds or stars. Remove safety pins. The shapes will be cut out to show the other color of fabric.</i>
Step 6	<i>Pull the two fabrics apart in the center of one of the shapes. Use the embroidery scissors to snip a hole in the center of one of the fabrics in the shape. Cut near the edge of the shape to cut out the shape so that the other fabric shows through like a window. Continue doing this with the other shapes, changing sides so some shapes show through on each side.</i>
Step 7	<i>Use regular scissors or the rotary cutter to cut fringe around the outer five inches of the blanket. Cut the fringe about half an inch wide and about a quarter inch from the line of stitching. Cut off the four corner squares.</i>