

Jersey Cares No-Sew Fleece Blanket Instructions

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When someone arrives on the doorstep of a local shelter, they are often seeking a warm place to stay after being displaced from their home. These individuals can be women seeking refuge from abusive situations, victims of the economy whose search for income has been fruitless, children whose parents are in desperate circumstances, and others in similar situations.

By assembling a No-Sew Fleece Blanket, you are helping to provide warmth and comfort for an individual staying at a homeless shelter, transitional home, or family services center.

\*\*Youth volunteers can earn 2 volunteer hours for every 1 No-Sew Fleece Blanket created.\*\*

## Materials Needed for 1 No-Sew Fleece Blanket

- 4 yards of fleece per blanket
- Scissors
- Measuring Tape

## **Directions:**

- 1. Purchase or obtain 4 yards (12 feet) of fleece. Fleece can be purchased by the yard on <u>Amazon.com</u>. You may choose any colors.
- 2. Cut the roll of fleece so you have <u>two equal sized pieces</u> of fleece measuring about 6-feet long and 5-feet wide each.
- **3.** Neatly stack and smooth the two pieces of fleece on top of each other, lining up the edges so that they are even.
- **4.** Trim off any excess around the edges of the fleece to make the two pieces even.
- **5.** Cut a 4"x4" square from each of the 4 corners of the stacked fleece, cutting through both layers.
- **6.** Keeping the fleece stacked, create a 1.5" (width) x 4" (length) fringe into the blanket. Repeat every inch until all four sides are completely fringed.







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**7.** Starting on one side, tie the two fringe layers together with a double knot. Make sure to tie together the pieces that are on top of each other, not next to each other. Tie **every fringe** around the entire blanket.

For further assistance, watch this <u>YouTube video</u> for no-sew fleece blanket instructions.

Drop-off or ship your completed no-sew fleece blanket(s) to Jersey Cares at the address below. The Jersey Cares office is open for drop offs from Monday-Thursday between 9:00am-4:00pm. Please call the Jersey Cares office at 973-533-1993 before dropping off.

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