



Make Tie Fleece Blankets

Thank you for volunteering your time to make a tie fleece blanket! Each blanket donated will be added to a **Welcome Home kit** and distributed to our community this November through United Way's **Home for Good** initiative.

To donate blankets, email VolunteerUnited@gtcuw.org for available drop off days/times.

Materials Needed:

- 2 pieces of fleece - each piece of fabric should be 2 yards or 72" x 60", for a total of 4 yards
- Scissors Ruler
- Cardboard, paper or grocery bag (to create your template)



Fleece can be purchased online and delivered directly to your home!

- When selecting fleece, please choose neutral colors and simple designs. You can find great options at Amazon & Joann Fabrics.
- If purchasing fleece on Amazon, search "fleece blanket kit." They offer bundles that contain two pieces of fabric. Price ranges from about \$18-\$25 depending on vendor and Prime membership.
- If purchasing fleece from Joann Fabrics, search "fleece." Choose two different pieces of fleece, each in a 2-yard cut. Price is about \$22 per blanket, depending on print or color choice.

Approximately 1,400 households in the greater Twin Cities transition from homelessness to stable housing each year yet lack essential household items for a safe, stable home.

United Way's Home for Good initiative provides **Welcome Home kits** full of essential supplies to support families and individuals transitioning into a new home. We need volunteers and supporters like you to help achieve this goal and support local families.



Tie Fleece Blanket Instructions:

- 1 Cut off the selvage edges on the fleece. The selvage is the machine-finished edge along two edges of the fabric.
- 2 Place the two pieces of fleece on top of each other so the edges line up. Trim the fabric to make them the same size, if necessary.
- 3 Create the templates. Using a piece of paper, cardboard or grocery bag and a ruler, make a 5" x 5" square and a 1" x 5" strip
- 4 Use the square templates to cut out 5" x 5" pieces of fleece in all four corners through both layers of fleece.
- 5 Make fringe strips by cutting approximately 1" strips 5" deep through both layers of fleece. Cut fringe strips around the entire blanket.
- 6 Tie a double knot using two strips of fleece – one on top and one on the bottom of each other. Tie knots all around the blanket. You are done!

Diagram

