

# Fleece Cutting Instructions

You will need: Cutting mat, cutting ruler, large blade rotary cutter, skip a stitch blade rotary cutter and a small dessert sized plate.

1. Keeping the fleece folded in half as it comes on the bolt, cut off a generous yard. Approximately 38" so that blanket will be 36" after it's squared up. If your edges are very rough and uneven, you may need to cut it a little larger.
2. Fold fleece piece in half. You will be cutting through 4 layers. Cut off selvage with rotary cutter, lining up straight edge on cutting mat.
3. Turn the fleece, line up the straight edge on mat and cut off the rough edges.
4. Turn fleece again and cut off about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch on the fold. This will cut the piece in half for 2 blankets.
5. Using the small dessert plate, round off the corners on both sides; make sure you are cutting at the open side and not at the fold.
6. Unfold the fleece, you now have 2 blankets and are ready to put the holes in them. You will be cutting through 2 layers with the skip a stitch blade.
7. Making sure that your edges are lined up, start cutting with the skip a stitch blade. Cut approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch from the edge. I find it easier to eyeball the edge than to use the ruler.
8. After your first pass with the blade, find the first hole you made and put a safety pin in it. This lets you know where to stop.
9. Line up your blade with your last hole and continue around the blanket lining up the hole on the blade as you go until you reach the safety pin. Make sure your 2 pieces of fleece edges are lined up as well.
10. Separate 2 pieces and fold, they are now ready to be crocheted!
11. Save any pieces at the end of the bolt that may be too small for a blanket. They can be pieced together with others.

**Thank you!**