

HOW TO MAKE AN ANNIE'S KINDNESS BLANKET

Your fleece material will come 60 inches x 72 inches. Your finished product will be about 8 inches smaller than the fabric you start with. Please refer to the photos for examples of finished AKBs!

Step 1: Line Up the Two Fabric Pieces on a Comfortable Surface to Work Around.

Line up the two pieces of fabric and place them on top of each other "correct" sides out. Fleece solid patterns are fuzzy on the "correct" side. Fleece print patterns will be more distinct on the "correct" side. If you can't tell which is the "correct" side then use the side that appeals to you.

Step 2: Trim (VERY IMPORTANT)

Please trim **all** 4 sides. When you are done, the two pieces should be the same size and all the roughage (the extra white "border" and the manufacturer's edging) is trimmed off. You want all sides to look clean cut.

Step 3: Cut Out the Corners

Cut a 4-inch (or 5 but we prefer 4) square from each of the four corners. You can use 4-inch sq. coasters to measure this.

Step 4: Cutting the Fringe

Please ensure you have good scissors (this will truly make cutting so much easier).

Cut fringe on all four sides of the blanket (or do one side at a time). To do this, cut about 1-inch wide, 4-inch-long strips. Cut through both layers of fabric at the same time. No need to measure, just eyeballing it is fine.

Step 5: Begin Tying Knots

Leave your blanket lying flat on the surface, double knot the fringe around the blanket. You can tie them like you would a knot in a shoelace (without a bow). Please **DOUBLE** tie the knots. Tight.

Step 6: Continue Around the Blanket

Tie all the fringes on all four sides of the blanket.

Step 7: Iron on Kindness Label.

Set your iron on cotton high temp, no steam. If you have parchment paper, place a piece over the label before ironing it on. It helps keep the fleece from burning (however, parchment paper is not necessary). Place the Kindness Label on a corner of the back of the blanket (whatever corner is fine and where you think is best). Do not place hot iron directly on fleece. The fleece will burn. Apply heat with the iron using circular motion. Check every 30 seconds to make sure the entire label is ironed down. No corner should be able to be lifted. It should take less than 2 minutes to be affixed securely.

Step 8: Send the Blanket to a Quality Control Person (or please double check your own work).

This person checks to make sure no knots were missed; it was double tied, iron on label is affixed securely and the roughage was cut off. General quick look-over to make sure the AKB is in good shape to send to someone.

Step 9: Place in Annie's Kindness Blankets Tote Bag.

Fold the blanket and place in tote bag. Best way to fold is in 3 equal parts, then fold in the opposite direction in the equal parts. The AKB should lay flat in the tote bag and look presentable.

Step 10: Hug it forward! Send the Annie's Kindness Blankets (an everlasting hug) to anyone you think could use a little more warmth and sunshine in their life. It does not matter who or for what reason. Or, you can send it back to us. Reach out to Barbara Buckley and she will send you a prepaid mailing label to send it back. AKB will gather them and send them to those on our list.

Most importantly, have fun, have some great conversations, and know that you are helping someone out there not feel so alone in this world.

Thank you for helping us, help others.
The Annie's Kindness Blankets Team

