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Operations Smile Patterns

Serged-Edge Fleece Blankets

1. Cut your fabric so that it measures 58" square. Remove the selvages (machine edge) and even up all uneven sides.
2. Use a small plate or saucer to round the corners of your fleece. Line the plate up to the edges and cut around the edge of the plate. Repeat for all corners. This gives your blanket rounded corners.
3. Set your serger machine up for fleece (check your machine's manual for the proper settings). We've found that ball-point needles work best for fleece. You can use one color of thread for the whole blanket, or use multiple colors for a fun look!
4. Once your machine is set-up and you've tested on some scrap material, choose a starting point on the straight side of your blanket, and serge all the way around.
5. Serge over the beginning stitches, leaving a bit of a tail.
6. Use a fray blocking glue, or hand stitch/weave the tail to ensure the edges don't unravel.

Knitted Child-Sized Afghan and Crocheted Child Sized Afghan

1. 50"x50" or 50" x 60"
2. Use light to medium weight cotton or acrylic yarn
3. You're welcome to use your own knit or crochet patterns