

Self Binding Baby Blanket

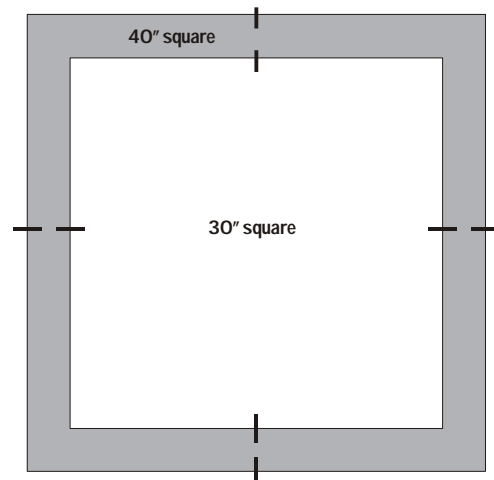
35" x 35"

Cut: 30" square for blanket front
40" square for blanket back

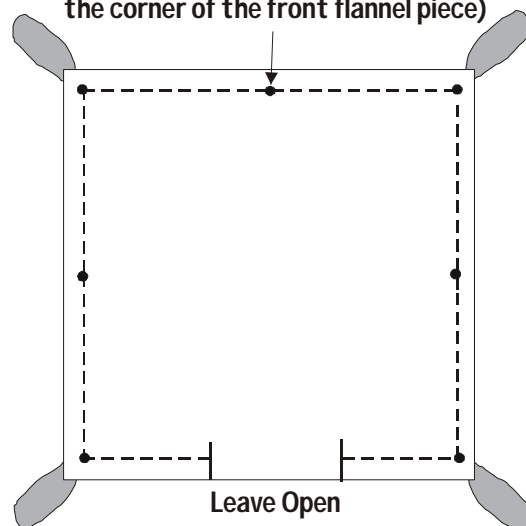
NOTE: You can use any size as long as it is square.
A ten inch difference between the front and back fabric makes a nice looking border.

Making the Blanket:

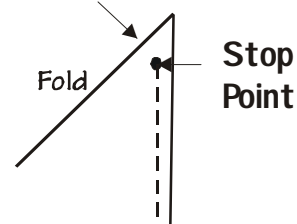
1. Fold the front & back in half both ways and mark the middle with a tiny scissor clip or place a pin to mark.
2. One side at a time, pin right sides together starting at the center marks. (This leaves 5" of extra fabric in each corner).
3. Sew from the middle out, stopping $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from each corner of the front piece.
4. Repeat this process around the blanket, leaving an opening of about 6" on one side (3" on each side of the center mark) for turning the blanket later.
5. Lay the blanket out flat. The back fabric will fold over the front forming the self binding.
6. Miter the corners with a 90 degree seam by folding 2 side seams to meet, matching the center marks and the "stop points". (To get the 90 degrees – put a small square ruler with one edge along the fold and the other lining up to the stop point and make a mark line).
7. Sew from the stop point out at a 90 degree angle to the folded edge. Reach inside and pull out your corners to check before trimming off excess corner fabric to $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Press while inside out with the seam going toward the middle.
8. Turn the blanket right side out and lay flat. The binding will be 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. Fold under the seam allowance and pin where you turned the blanket. Press.
9. Topstitch with a decorative stitch along the seam all the way around the blanket catching the opening to close the hole and finish the blanket.



Start stitching from the center out to the corners ($\frac{1}{4}$ " from the corner of the front flannel piece)



90 Degrees



Finished Blanket

