

## Receiving Blanket

### Step 1

Cut two squares of fabric about 32 or 36 inches square.

Any kind of fabric is fine such as flannel, terry cloth, baby corduroy, and more. Just about anything goes. You can use one fabric for the front and a different fabric for the back, but you don't have to.

### Step 2

Put two squares of fabric right sides together and pin all the way around the edge. Take a little care here and make sure you get everything laid out and pinned neatly. If your squares aren't really lined up, it will show in the finished blanket – and make the pressing in Step 5 hard.

### Step 3

Sew almost all the way around the edge, leaving an opening big enough to fit your hand for turning right side out. I usually leave 4 – 5 inches. Use a quarter inch seam allowance – or something close. I use the edge of my favorite presser foot as a guide which make a seam more like 3/8 inch and that's just fine.

### Step 4

Clip the corners right up close to the stitching.

This will eliminate bulk in those corners when you turn it right side out.

### Step 5

Turn the blanket right side out – taking care to poke out the corners and smooth all the edges. Press the edge flat.

### Step 6

Now you have a choice. You can leave the edges as they are and hand sew the opening. You could use ladder stitch for invisible stitching. Or (if you want a no-hand-work project) you can topstitch your blanket all the way around the edge. That will make your seams extra secure and sew up that opening at the same time.