Quick No-Sew Fleece Blanket, Toddler to Teen

Supplies: Fleece material (see below)

Sharp scissors or pinking shears

12" Ruler

Fabric Requirements: Toddler/Child Size: 1 1/4 yards (45") of 58" wide fleece

for a finished size of approximately 44" x 52", including fringe

Teen Size: 1 7/8 yards (67 ½") of 58" wide fleece

for a finished size of approximately 53" x 67 1/2", including fringe

<u>NOTE</u>: The above sizes are used to help maximize the fabric and minimize any waste. Fleece scraps can be donated to <u>AZ Blankets 4 Kids</u>, as they can be used by the hospitals to support babies' tiny limbs.

Cutting Instructions: Lay fleece out flat on a table. With a nice straight cut, trim off selvages (the rough, machine-finished, edges on both sides). Cut fleece to measure the *finished* size of the blanket you are making (Toddler/Child: approximately 44" x 52", Teen: approximately 53" x 67 ½"). Next, determine the length you want to cut your fringe (from 4" to 7"). This is determined by your own comfort so you may want to practice tying on a small piece first. Using your ruler as a guide, cut a square out of each corner the size you chose as most comfortable to tie (see diagram). To make fringe, cut strips (using your ruler as a guide) at 1" intervals all the way around the outside edge. Long, smooth cuts give a cleaner look.

<u>Knot-Tying Instructions</u>: Start in one corner and <u>gently</u> tie an overhand knot in each strip, sliding it up to and even with the blanket's edge to create a finished fringe edge. (To make the knot, cross the end of the strip over itself to form a loop—bring the end up through the loop—and pull.)

