No-Sew Fleece Tie Blanket with CBTV Live

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No-Sew Blanket
(upbeat music) - Hey, everybody. Welcome to Creativebug. We're coming at you live like we always are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, which means you can write in and ask questions. And as it's starting to cool down and fall is upon us, I've been seeing a lot of fleece in the stores. You may have too. Of course, I was drawn to the neons, but they come in great solids, as well as great printed fabrics. I got these in my local JOANN, and I liked that I could mix and match my print and my solid. You might also be seeing some kits to make fleece blankets, like this one. This is for a really large blanket, something probably like a twin or full-sized bed. But I was gonna show you how to make a no-sew fleece blanket on the smaller scale for maybe a pet or a child. You could do a play mat. It could be like a picnic mat. They're really great because they're easy to throw in the wash, and like I said, it's no sewing required. So for myself, that is ideal. I'm not a big sewer. You've probably noticed that Faith or Liana is the one teaching you how to sew on a live shoot and not me. I used to make a lot of quilts actually, but those days are long behind me. So I have a solid piece here. I think I got about maybe just under a yard, and let's pair this with a printed one. And this one's already a smaller scrap because I've used half of it. So this is perfect, actually. I'm just gonna line it up roughly. We're gonna cut off the salvage in a minute. And you wanna smooth it out just to kind of get your first cut. What's great about this is it doesn't have to be exact. If you are trying to make a blanket that is an exact size, you want to add about 10 inches on both your width and length to this because we're gonna be cutting into it five inches on other side to make our fringe tied edge, which is how we're gonna get this double layer to stick to one another without any sewing. So just for ease of trimming, I feel like I work at JOANN here. You know how they like line up your fabric and cut in that little ditch. Why don't they sell craft tables with those little ditches in them? They're so cool. Key to this craft is a very sharp pair of scissors. Of course you could do this step with your rotary cutter, but we're just keeping it to our limited tools here. Sharp pair of scissors, two pieces of fleece, and that's it. Remember, because we're live, you can write in and ask us questions. I love your questions and comments. Maybe you've made one of these before and you have some great handy tip. All right, it's pretty lined up. I also wanna take off the salvage. You don't actually have to for this project, but I'm going to. And you know what, I'm actually gonna cut this way because I think my teal fabric is just a tad, it comes in just a tad here on the salvage. Has a wider salvage. Again, not perfect, doesn't matter because we're gonna be cutting slits into each of the four edges and tying them off to bring this blanket together. Now before I've cut off the salvage, so I can save that for wrapping a present or something cool. Before I cut into it, I wanna make sure that I have right side out and right side out because you're gonna cut and tie it as you would finish it. So whatever you want to be facing up on either side, that's how it needs to look now. And this is actually the right side of this fleece, has a little more nubbier texture and I believe that this is the right side. So that's good. So these are wrong sides together. Excuse my lean over here. All right, and I'm just gonna show you on one edge and then I have a swap out. If you have been watching Creative Bug, you probably knew that was coming. All right, hopefully you guys can all see this. So like I said before, we're gonna cut in about five inches, maybe an inch and a half, two inch wide strips on all four sides. And you'll notice actually that you don't need to do anything in your corners. We're actually gonna be cutting out of the corners. And I'm eyeballing this. And you can even try, I'm gonna go over

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about an inch or so, and you can just see if you like the way that looks. We'll do a double knot. Maybe you wanna cut six inches. You can do that. - We have our first question. - Yes. - [Ali] Johnson is wondering, can you use flannel? - Hi Johnson. Welcome. The question is, can you use flannel instead of fleece? You know what you probably could, flannel is going to, the threads are gonna come undone a little bit 'cause it's a woven fabric. It's a little bit different than fleece. Fleece is pretty no sew, sort of like a felt. So if you were gonna substitute anything, it would probably be a felt, but it needs to be sort of thick. Both A felt and a flannel are much thinner than a fleece. So you're not gonna get that coziness with just two layers. And you wanna think about that. So if it's more decorative, like you're making maybe just like a throw blanket or something, not something you're gonna sit on, or really you want cushy for a pet, or like I said, you could do this for a picnic blanket, then you can try it. But you are gonna get more fraying because of the fabric as opposed to the fleece, which does not fray. So good question. If you try it out, let us know. Thank you for asking. So we're just cutting, we're cutting fringe here. We're in our new studios. Oh, I was gonna cut right to the edge, but remember we have to cut in five inches this way. So actually this corner just gets taken out entirely. Save those ends for a coaster or something. And I'll probably actually cut that one off too. So you're gonna continue, right? Like I rotate this and cut all the way, my five or six inches, whatever feels comfortable, until you have everything cut, all four sides. Let me show you what the tying looks like, so you know, could not be easier. You're just gonna tie a double knot. And I'm not pulling, I don't wanna distort my fabric as I go. I'm not pulling really taut. Just doing a double knot. And what's cute about doing a solid and a pattern fleece is that you kind of see both in these fringed edges, which I really like. - [Ali] Courtney, can you let folks know about our one month offer? - Yes. What is the code? - Ali's asking me if I could tell you about our one month offer. So if you guys have not been to Creative Bug before, welcome. We do these live shoots every Tuesday and Thursday, but we also have a fantastic site full of amazing classes, many taught by yours truly. We have thousands of classes by hundreds of artists, and you can try it out. You can get a one month free just by using the code JOANN- - One. - JOANN1 for one month - And I'm posting a link. - And Ali is posting a link right now. And do they get one class to keep forever? - [Ali] Yes, they do. - And you get one class to keep forever, which means if you wanna watch something over and over and over and come back to it, then it's there in your library, which we love. All right, so do you guys see how this is coming together? Super cute. I'm being consistent with how I make my knots, so over and then over again, and that gives me knots that kind of line up or stack up consistently, which is nice. We'll just do this row. And then I promised you I had to swap out, which I do. But super cute. I love that double of solid and patterned fleece. And this is so cozy, so easy. We've been talking a lot this month about the Thanksgiving season coming up and about being more grateful and ways to show gratitude and crafting for good causes is something that's been coming up a lot. So how can you knit or crochet or sew or make something, donate your time and your expertise for some kind of cause. So this would be actually a great blanket that you could do, even if you're not a sewer or a crocheter, like myself. This is something that I could be doing while hanging out with my friends watching TV. It's such an easy craft and you could do like a big party and do them together. And when you're all done, this is what it's gonna look like. Charlie's been hanging out on this. It's been in our little library. This is the solid side. And you can see that in every little tie, I get both the print and the solid. It's so cute. This is the printed side, and again, you get that pop of neon. And do you guys wanna see if Charlie likes it? Let's see if he does. He's over here sleeping. Charlie, can you say hi? Are we sleepy? Do you like your blanky? What do you think? Yeah, is that cozy? - [Ali] We have our next question. Valerie is asking, what if you don't want to make knots? Where do you make

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the extra cut to pull strips through? - Oh, Valerie's asking, what if you don't wanna do knots and you wanna do some kind of pulled strip scenario? That's an excellent question. I feel like I need to kinda work that out. So let's just scoot Charlie over here. All right, so I don't have a rotary cutter. I think that would be the cleanest and most efficient way to do this. But I think I understand what you're asking Valerie. So let's see. Let's say we cut a few strips here. I believe if you fold one of these strips in half, make a small slit, right? This is an opening you can pull this through, and that in essence is going to tie it together. But I don't know how long that's gonna last. If you're not stitching it, I mean, you could do a small little embroidery X or tack it together, but if you're not stitching it, I'm not sure how well it's gonna hold up. It would definitely not hold up as well in the washing machine. And if it's gonna be a pet or a kid blanket, you definitely want something that you can wash easily. You could play with doing multiple cuts and doing a more weaving technique. And if you're working on something that's more heirloom, something you're gonna keep a long time, maybe it's a gift, then you could definitely play a little bit with this. But I love the way the knots look. It gives a really fun texture. And for me, what I love about it is it's so easy and quick. And as someone who doesn't sew, I love a project like that where I can still play with fabric. I can still buy really fun prints. I can use the fleece that's of the season without having to sew. So you could play with this. I'm not an expert at this part. I would say the knot for me worked really well. Yes, we have another question. - [Ali] Yes, Julie and Sarah are wondering about braiding the edges. - Yeah, absolutely. Julie and Sarah are asking, could you braid the edges instead? Yes, you would just do a longer strip. So I would add probably an entire two extra feet if you were gonna do that. I would do something like 12 inch strips on every side so that you could really braid. And then you're gonna have to close that braid off probably by taking all three and doing an overhand knot. So that's totally doable. If you're working with a finer fabric that's woven, I guess Johnson asked earlier about the flannel, that would be maybe a great alternative. If you wanna work with thinner fabric, then you could try a braid instead. I would make probably my strips a little bit, maybe an inch and a half to an inch, so kind of similar to what we did. But you could totally do that and that would be a really cute look for like a Turkish beach towel. Do something that's like a little more elevated for a throw for your living room. Absolutely. Great question. And I think that's it you guys. Thanks for writing in and joining us. Remember we do this on Tuesday and Thursday. If you new to Creativebug, you can check out our one month offer. That's one month for free using the code JOANN1 and one class to keep forever. Charlie and I'll be expecting you. (upbeat music)

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