

How to make your own camp blanket



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Girlguiding

Cambridgeshire West

Step 1, decide on your blanket

You can buy the official guiding blankets at www.guidingshop.co.uk

You can use a blanket you already have at home. Old woollen blankets are perfect because they are naturally flame retardant, or plain fleecy ones are good too.

Buy some lengths of fleece fabric. Buying it this way makes you an extra large blanket, I would suggest buying 2m. You can buy this online or at local shops like Habbydays.co.uk or Plushaddict.co.uk for around £6 per meter

You can make your blanket a flat blanket which you wrap around yourself. This makes it much easier for using with your bedding, and sewing badges on.

Step 2, decide how to wear it

Or you can make it a poncho with a hole for your head. This makes it easier for wearing, and dancing around in



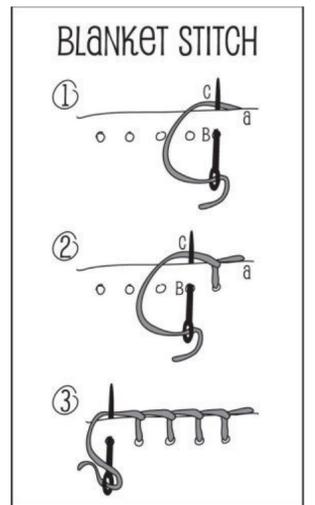
Find the middle of your blanket and cut T shape. 22cm across and 11cm down, for your head to fit in.

If you are feeling very creative you could create a hood for your blanket too, instructions can be found online

If you bought an official blanket this comes with binding round the edge of your blanket, so no need to do this step. Also fleece won't fray so you can skip this step entirely if you'd like!

Step 3, pick an edging

If you have cut a hole for a poncho or want to neaten the edges you could blanket stitch around the raw edges.



Or search for 'no sew blanket edge' for a way to braid the fleece edges to a lovely plait or feathered finish.

You can do this by hand, or with a sewing machine. As long as they are sewn on tight it won't matter how.

Step 4, Sew all your badges on!

Pick an order to sew them on!

In date order? In a spiral from the middle? In groups for each section? Do you want to put your name on it, in case it gets lost?

Up to you! There is no right or wrong way, it's your blanket you decide.

Step 5, Dance around the campsite



Make sure you don't get too close to the campfire with you blanket or it could catch fire or melt, but keep yourself snugly and warm while outside or camping!

For more inspiration search for Badge Blankets, and Camp Blanket badges.

There is also a facebook group 'My Camp Blanket Rocks'

Enjoy creating your memory blanket to last a lifetime.