

Recipe for Service: Fleece Blankets
Submitted by University of Pennsylvania Circle K

This is a great recipe for bringing cheer to teens during the holiday season. We've been donating blankets to Project Linus for 2 years now and we can't help but continue using this recipe every year! You'll love it once you try it!

Cook Time: 1 hour

Serves: 13 teens who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need

Best if made on November 27, 2007 and continued on December 4, 2007

Ingredients

13 solid color fleece pieces (each at least 1.5 yards)

13 patterned fleece pieces (each at least 1.5 yards)

As many pairs of scissors as you can find

19 Circle K'ers (and a few non-Circle K'ers)

20 lbs. of love

50 lbs. of fun

Lots of food made by Riz

Directions

1. Get a wonderful donation from PACK Cash to support your project.
2. Have your knowledgeable secretary order all the fleece fabric.
3. Invite all the members of your Circle K club and all your friends to come join in on the fun!
4. Have your knowledgeable secretary learn that some of the patterns are out of stock and she needs to order different ones.
5. Order different fleece pieces and wait for them to arrive. Note: patience is a virtue. When you think you've waited long enough and they surely should have arrived by now, keep waiting. And leave that package room worker alone—he will get tired of your constant pestering.
6. Celebrate when boxes come. Carry large, awkwardly shaped boxes from package room to dorm room.
7. On November 27, 2007 (for a meeting service project) bring the fleece pieces to a spacious room and let the fun begin.
8. Put a piece of patterned fleece on top of a coordinating solid color fleece.
9. Trim pieces so they are the same size. Now all cutting will be done on both pieces at the same time.
10. Have a lot of trouble trimming the pieces to be the same size.
11. Ask someone else to trim the pieces to be the same size. You're scissor skills are either lacking or you need a sharper pair.
12. Take a break and eat a s'more. You earned it (at least tell yourself that).
13. Cut a 4" by 4" square in each corner of the blanket.
14. Cut fringes on each side of the blanket, using the guidelines from the square. One fringe will be about 1" thick and 4" tall.

15. Have a fun conversation with your neighbor while listening to some music. Note that you do not have to wait until this step for this process to begin.
16. Tie the top fringe with the bottom fringe in a knot like you would your shoelaces. You may be surprised to learn that this is the most difficult part of all.
17. Stretch the blanket out to full size.
18. Revel in your amazing accomplishment.
19. Feel good about helping others during the holiday season.
20. Repeat with more blankets on December 4, 2007 and repeat again in the years to come.

Enjoy! We know we did!