

Mitered Corner Baby Blanket

Carefully cutting each square of fabric will result in more precise mitered corners.

For 36" square blanket, cut:

- One 32" square of flannel for the front of blanket
- One 42" square of flannel for the back of blanket

Step #1: Prepare Fabric

- Remove the selvage edge.
- Cut two pieces of contrasting fabric using the dimensions listed above.

Note: On each piece of fabric, identify and mark the lengthwise grain (same as selvage edges) and the crosswise grain (direction with the most give when lightly stretched).



Step #2: Align and Pin

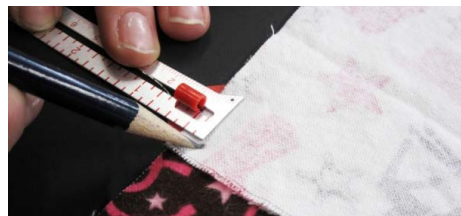
- -Mark the centers on all four sides of both pieces.
- Beginning along one edge, place fabric right sides together, matching the center marks. Pin in place.
- Make sure that the excess material has the same measurement on each end.



Step #3: Create Stop Points

- On the smaller piece of fabric, mark $\frac{1}{4}$ " from each side at the corner and place a pin for a "stop point." Do so for both corners along the side you are pinning.
- Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam from one stop point to the other.
- Repeat for the opposite side (match centers, pin stop points, and sew).

Stop Points: sew to it, not through it!



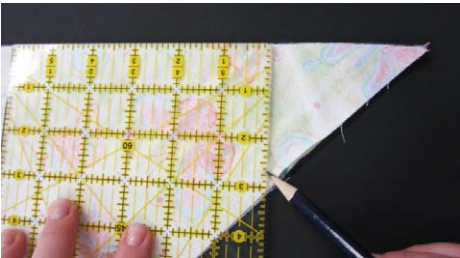
Step #4: Sew Remaining Seams

- Repeat (match centers, pin stop points, and sew) on the last two sides, leaving a 6" opening in the middle of one side for turning.
- There will be excess material at each corner once all of the sides have been sewn.

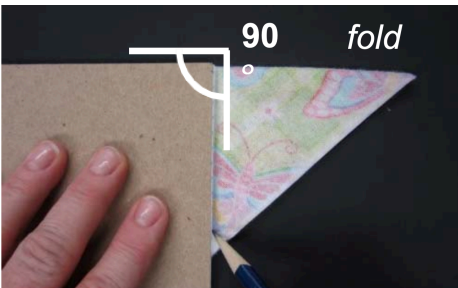


Step #5: Miter Corners

- Holding the corner, fold the blanket so the two seam edges meet.
- Mark a line at a 90° angle from the fold to the stop point.
- Stitch along this line. Trim all but ¼" of the excess.
- Repeat for each corner.



Tip: You don't even need a ruler for this step. Simply use the corner of a sheet of paper. Align with the fold, not the raw edge.



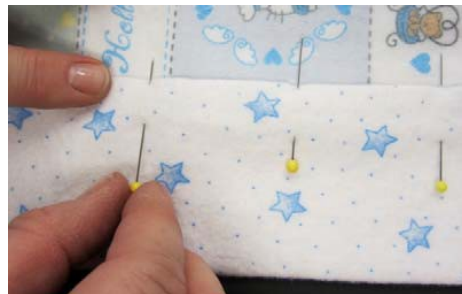
Step #6: Press and Turn

- Lay the blanket out flat, small piece on top. Notice that the back panel folds over the front.
- Press the seams toward the outside edges.
- Turn the blanket right side out through the gap.
- Use a pin or point turner to square the corners.



Step #7: Finish

- Lay the blanket flat so the border is an equal width on all sides.
- Pin around the blanket at the seams and at the opening where you turned the blanket being careful to fold the seam allowance under.
- Press the blanket flat, then top stitch around the blanket by the seam edge (on border side of seam).



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