



Tied Fleece Blankets

Oftentimes, small opportunities to provide comfort are overlooked when we aim to volunteer. Even something as small as a warm blanket can improve the life of a struggling youth. At HALO, we make it a priority to provide comfort and warmth to someone in need, tucking them in for a good night's rest. Tied-fleece blankets make a real impact in our kids' lives by allowing them to feel safe, warm, and relaxed. For this volunteer impact project, you will be making tied blankets for either HALO youth or for any local youth shelter near you. You'll need to go to your local craft store to purchase two pieces of fleece fabric (2 yards long each) to complete one blanket.

Materials:

- 2 yds of fleece in one color/pattern
- 2 yds of fleece in another color/pattern
- Scissors

Procedure:

1. Lay your first piece of fleece right side **down** on your surface.
2. Lay your second piece of fleece right side **up** on your initial piece of fleece.
3. Cut a square 6 inch by 6 inch piece of fleece out of each corner.
4. Next, begin cutting your 6 inch fringe from each side of your fleece. Each fringe must be around 1 inch in width. Cut both layers together.
5. After all the fringe is cut, begin tying the two strips of fringe together. For a secure blanket, make a double knot.

Tie two light knots to avoid ripping or scrunching the fleece

6. Tie the fringe all the way around the blanket.
7. Done! You have successfully completed a warm blanket for a kid in need!