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chenille baby blanket



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### SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- 7/8 yd. Each of 3 different patterned flannels
- 1 yd. Coordinating flannel for back
- Chalk marker or marking pencil (decorative edge blade optional)
- Basic sewing supplies
- OLFA® Chenille Cutter
- OLFA® 45mm Rotary Cutter
- OLFA® Rotary Mat
- 6" x 12" Ruler

### DIRECTIONS:

1. From each of 3 flannels, cut nine squares 8½" x 8½" and three squares 10" x 10".
2. Layer 3 smaller squares on 1 larger square. You may keep all the layered fabrics the same or mix and match them as desired. The result will be 9 layered piles of fabric or blocks.
3. Draw a diagonal line on the top layer of each block.
4. Stitch through all four layers of each block, using the diagonal line as a guide.
5. Continue to sew parallel lines on the diagonal, covering the entire 8½" square. Sew half of the blocks with 1/8" or 1/4" parallel lines and the other half of the blocks with 3/8" or 1/2" parallel lines to vary the look of each block.
 

Tips:

  - Back stitch at the beginning and end of each seamline.
  - Increase stitch length to 3.0 to speed up sewing.
  - Pull fabric taut as you sew through first diagonal to ease stitching.
  - Sew down one line of stitching, then up for the next to prevent distortion.
6. Cut channels using the OLFA® Chenille Cutter.
7. Stitch around the perimeter of the 8½" square to secure. Square up block by trimming excess fabric with decorative edge blade.
8. Sew blocks right sides together to create a simple 9 patch, 3 rows across, 3 rows down. Alternate patterns of fabric and channel widths to create a pleasing pattern. The example is sewn together alternating small with wide channel widths and the direction of the cuts.
9. Square up entire blanket using ruler and rotary cutter.
10. Cut backing fabric to finished size of blanket.
11. Layer blanket and backing, right sides together, matching raw edges.
12. Stitch together, leaving a 6" opening for turning.
13. Turn inside out, press well, and slip stitch opening closed.
14. Wash and dry blanket to fluff it up.

Skill Level: Some sewing experience needed

Approximate Crafting Time: 6 hours

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