

# Feathered Fleece Blanket

## SUPPLIES

3 yards polar fleece (60 inches wide)

Thread to match

(You will NOT need batting for this project.)

## DIRECTIONS

Cut the polar fleece in half (resulting in two pieces that are approximately 54 by 60). Load one piece as the backing, the other is your top.

Before loading, mark the top with a rectangle that is approximately centered. You'll want the rectangle to be about 46 by 52 -- basically giving yourself a 4 inch "border" around the edges.

Place the top fleece on your backing, and stitch a straight line across the top marked edge of the rectangle. Stitch as far down the sides of the rectangle as you can reach. Stitch a large meander over the entire rectangle that is visible and reachable in your quilting space.

Roll forward, stitch down the marked sides again, and fill this next section with a large meander.

Continue until you reach the bottom (should be about 3-5 meandering line segments, depending on the amount of quilting space available on your machine). Stitch across the bottom marked edge of the rectangle.

Now: it's time to feather. Roll back up to the top of the fleece blanket and start feathering, using the meander as your spine. Draw in guidelines with a washable marker to help you keep your feathers somewhat even. Stitch one pass of feathers from right to left, stitch the next left to right, and alternate as you continue down the quilt top.

After the quilting is finished, remove from the frame, and trim up the outside edges so they are even. Finish the border as desired -- you could cut the border into fringe (about 1 or 1.5 inches wide), and wash to remove any marking.

The beauty of fleece is that the stitches sink into the pile, leaving you with the definition of the shape and a fun throw for yourself or a loved one.

# Step by Step Feathers

