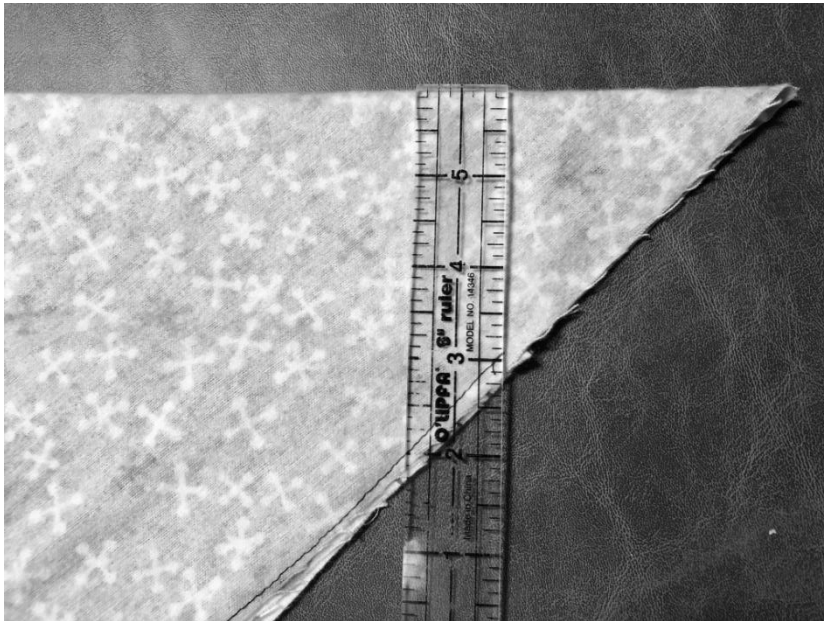


# Self-Binding Baby Blanket

This blanket can be made almost any size, square or rectangle. Make the fabric for the back of the blanket about 10" wider and 10" longer than the fabric for the front of the blanket. This makes a nice sized border around the finished blanket.

1. Mark the centers on all four sides of the two pieces of fabric. Use pins, finger press, or marking pen.
2. With right sides together, start with any side and match up the center mark of the front fabric with the center mark on the back fabric.
3. Sew starting about 3-4" from the center mark up to 1/4" from the end of the front fabric. On the same side sew in the other direction from about 3-4" from the center mark to 1/4" from the other end of the front fabric. This creates about a 6-8" opening for turning the fabric later. If your fabric pieces are larger, you may need to make a larger opening.
4. On the opposite side from where you sewed in step 3, match up the center marks on the two pieces of fabric and sew from the center mark up to 1/4" from the end of the front fabric. On the same side sew in the other direction from the center mark to 1/4" from the other end of the front fabric.
5. Repeat step 4 on the remaining two sides.
6. Spread the blanket on a flat surface with the back of the front fabric facing up. Spread out the back fabric so that it evenly borders the front fabric on all 4 sides. There will be a "wing" or ear coming out from each corner.
7. Starting with any corner, fold adjacent sides of the front fabric in together matching up the seams.

8. Align a ruler on the fold of the "wing" and the end of the stitching.



Draw a line from the fold to the end of the stitching. Sew along the line.

9. Trim seam to 1/4".
10. Repeat steps 8 and 9 on the other 3 corners.
11. Press all seams open.
12. Turn the blanket right side out by pulling through the opening. Push out the 4 corners.
13. Sew a zig-zag or decorative stitch around blanket on the seam between the front fabric and the back fabric insuring the opening gets sewed closed.

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For further help refer to the Missouri Star Quilt Company tutorial at the following link:

<https://quiltingtutorials.com/tutorial/the-self-binding-baby-quilt-receiving-blanket>

or the Missouri Star Quilt Company BLOCK Magazine

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