

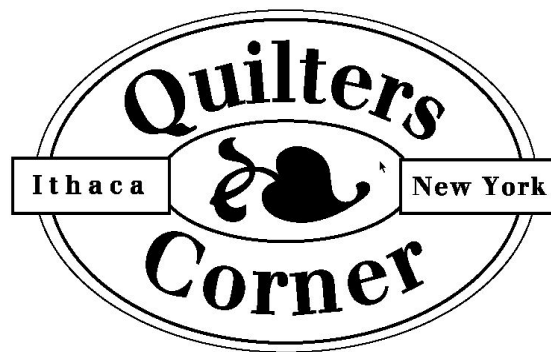
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Soft & Cozy Baby Blanket

This cozy blanket is so soft and cuddly using flannel and Michael Miller Organic Fleece, but you could use any combination of fabrics - flannel and flannel, flannel and cotton, etc. The ric rac makes it extra cute.

Supplies: The finished size of the shop sample is 38" x 40". However, this pattern can be adapted to any size - just make sure you get enough ric rac to go around all four sides.

1 1/4 yards organic fleece

1 1/4 yards flannel

5 yards ric rac. Note: There are many sizes available. The sample uses 5/8" but you could use the jumbo (1 3/8") as well.

Thread to match the ric rac color and thread to match the fabrics for top stitching.



Prewash, dry and press all fabrics before starting.

Cutting: Layer both fabrics right sides together and cut to the same size - approximately 39" x 41" (or any size you want). It is easier to sew ric rac around a curve rather than a sharp corner, so grab a bread plate or a soup bowl from your cupboard and use the curved edge to mark a curved line at each of the four corners. Trim along the line on both pieces of fabric.

Sewing: With the flannel right side up, pin the ric rac so that the tips touch the raw edges of the flannel. Start pinning at the middle of the bottom side and leave a 1" tail. Using thread that matches the ric rac, sew the ric rac to the edge of the flannel on the right side. You will want to sew in the middle of the ric rac so that when it is turned right side out, half of the ric rac will show. When you come to the end, overlap the ric rac a little bit and leave a little tail off the edge of the flannel. You will trim the tails a little later.

Layer the fleece and the flannel with right sides together, flannel on top, so you see the stitching line from the ric rac. Pin all around. Stitch together using your dual feed or walking foot. **Sew exactly on top of the previous stitching line for the ric rac.** Leave an opening of approximately 5-6" for turning, backstitching at the beginning and end. Trim the ric rac tails.

Turn right side out and tuck in the seam allowance at the opening. Press around all the edges to prepare for top stitching. Change your thread to whatever color suits your fabrics and top stitch 1/4" from the edge all around. You may need to hand stitch or stitch 1/8" from the edge (just at the opening), to make sure the seam allowance is secure.

Give to a lucky baby!