

# Knitting a Border Around Fleece

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## Introduction

This document details 3 different methods for knitting around a fleece blanket. The purely knitted version is the third method. For all methods: make holes in the fleece with a medium Skip-Stitch blade at least  $\frac{3}{4}$ " in from the sides of the fleece.

## 1. Crocheted Foundation

This is mostly used for crocheted edges but can also be used to pick up knit stitches.

A very good YouTube video was made on the crocheted foundation by the North and Central Chicagoland chapter of Project Linus here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SO3Jye7Hlr8&t=22s>

Or you can find it by going to YouTube and searching for: Crocheted Edge Fleece Blanket

Establish the foundation row, then proceed with **“Begin Picking Up Stitches for Knitting”** below.

## 2. Blanket Stitch Foundation

Sew a blanket stitch around the edge with a yarn needle and yarn of your choice.

You can find a nice tutorial on YouTube here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Ck1f2q0yxk&t=22s>

Or by searching for “Blanket Stitch Tutorial.” After making the blanket stitches, proceed with **“Begin Picking Up Stitches for Knitting”** below.

## Begin Picking Up Stitches for Knitting

### From the Crocheted Foundation

Pick up knit stitches under each of the foundation stitches, alternating yarnovers from the front of the fleece then the back. Continue around, using more circular needles as necessary to accommodate all the stitches picked up.

### From the Blanket Stitch Foundation

Pick up two stitches for each blanket stitch by yarning over from the front then the back of the stitch.

Finish border in pattern of your choice. Suggestion: a simple k2, p2 pattern for 4 or 5 rows looks good on a boy’s blanket. Bind off in pattern.

Another, more advanced border suggestion is on the next page.

## 3. Purely Knit Border Method

Folding edge halfway down as you go, and holding yarn in back of blanket edge, pick up yarn through the first skip-stitch hole with knitting needle. Bring yarn up to the height of the edge.

YO from the back of the fleece. Make sure the loops on your needle(s) are brought up to the top of the blanket edge. Don't make your stitches too tight! They will get snug when you knit your first row.

Repeat the above two steps until all stitches have been picked up.

Continue knitting the border of your choice. Suggestion: Create a border that won't roll by alternating knit and purl rows such as a K2, P2 edge.

Another, more advanced border suggestion is below.

## Squared Off Border (intermediate)



**Row 1:** Knit the stitches just picked up.

**Note:** From here on this border is worked vertically.

Cast on 4 stitches at the end of your last needle.

**Row 2:** K3, knit the 4th st together with the last stitch from Row 1.

**Row 3:** Slip the first st, k3.

**Row 4:** K3, knit the 4th st together with the next stitch from Row 1.

**Row 5:** Sl1, k3. With a thumb cast on, add 3

more stitches to your needle (7 sts total).

**Row 6:** K6, knit the 7th st together with the next stitch from Row 1.

**Rows 7, 9, 11, 13:** Sl1, k6.

**Rows 8, 10, 12:** K6, knitting the 7th st together with the next st from Row 1.

**Row 14:** Bind off first 3 sts, k2 then knit the last together with the next st from Row 1.

**Row 15:** Sl1, k3.

*Repeat rows 2-15 for pattern.*