

## Oma's Instructions for Making Receiving Blankets



Receiving blankets make a wonderful gift for the new Mom or soon to be new Mom. What's especially nice about these blankets is that they are a full 42-43" square making it easy to fully wrap up and cover the baby. I have made these for my daughter and daughter-in-law when they gave birth and the nurses at the hospital have liked them a lot, commenting on how it made wrapping up the baby so much easier because of the blanket's larger than normal size .

- Needed:**
- Cotton flannel** of your choice (each blanket needs a 45"x45" square (I usually buy 1 ½ yrd per blanket and have a little left over for adding to matching burp pads.)
  - Heat N Bond** or similar product  
(I use this for making so the hem stays where I want it when Topstitching)
  - Embroidery design** of your choice  
(I used Oma's Place's baby blanket labels)

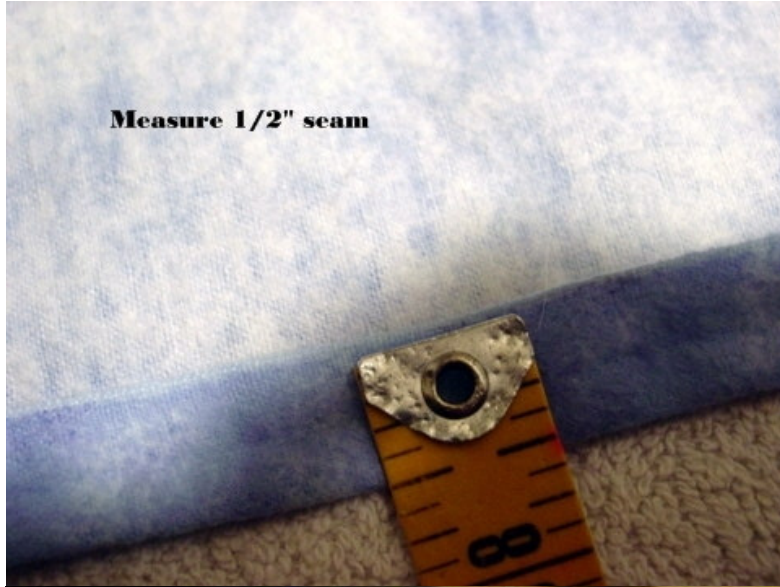
1. Pre-wash your fabrics.
2. Cut a square the width of the fabric – usually about 45x45"
3. Press the fabric and rotary trim the edges. ( I don't bother trimming off the selvage because it gets folded under when I make the hem.)
4. Trim a 1 ¼" triangle (lateral sides of the corner) off all 4 corners of the blanket. (This will make mitering the corners easier and give a smoother look.)
5. Create a ½" finished hem by folding the fabric edges under ½" inch and then Another ½". Press in place.
6. For nice mitered corners, see my step by step pictorial below.
7. Once you have pressed the hem in place, take strips of ¼" Heat 'n Bond (or Steam a Seam etc.) and place under the edge of the hem. Press in place.
8. Turn blanket to the right side and stitch a decorative edge. I used a blanket

- Stitch for a boy's blanket. A scalloped edge is lovely for a girl's blanket.  
But try other decorative stitches as well and see what you like best.
9. Now it's time to place an embroidery design of your choice diagonally across one of the corners or alongside one edge of the blanket.

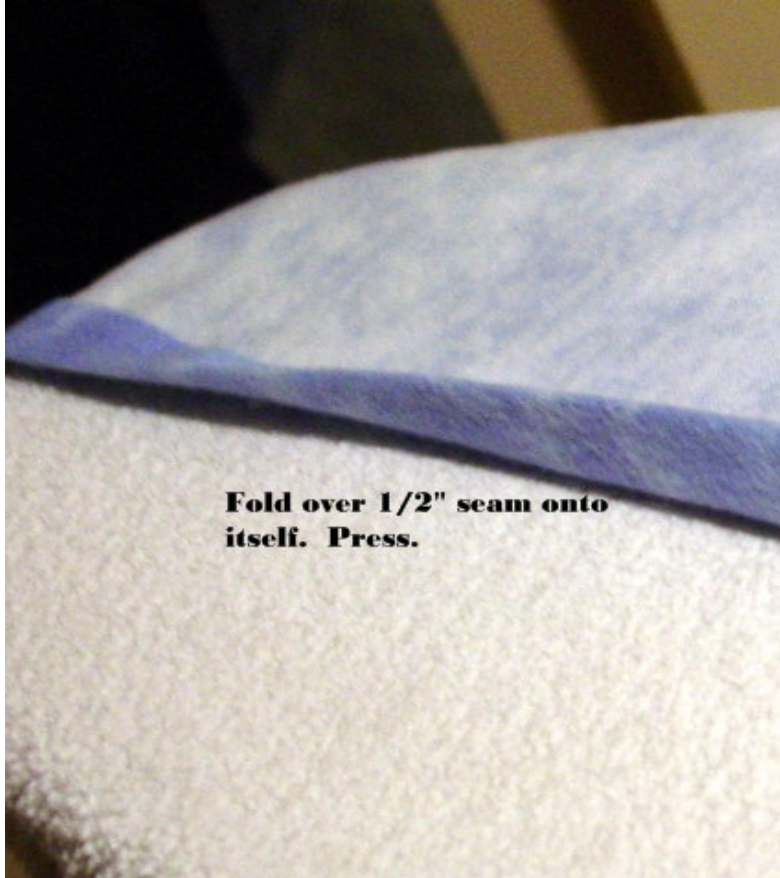




**Measure 1/2" seam**

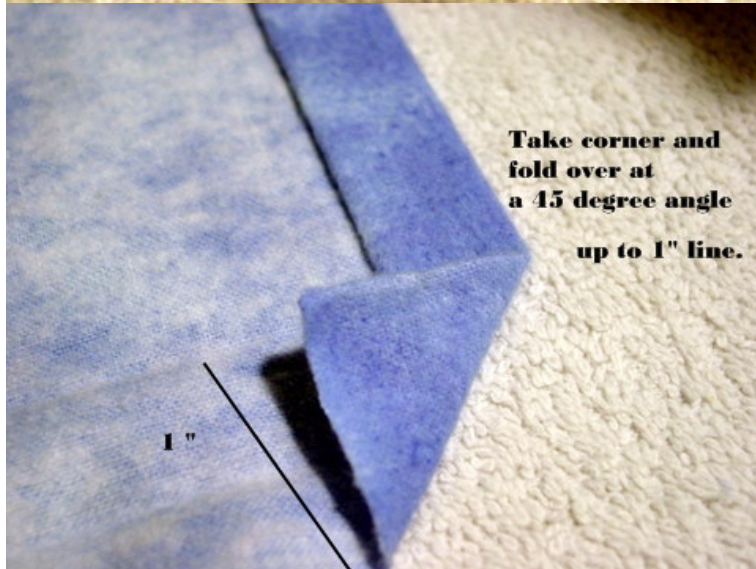


**Fold over 1/2" seam onto  
itself. Press.**





**This is what corner looks like after edge having been folded over twice 1/2".**



**Take corner and fold over at a 45 degree angle up to 1" line.**

**1"**

