

SELF BINDING RECEIVING-THE GRACE PROJECT

Materials: one 15 inch square, one 25 inch square

1-Mark the center of each side with a pin on both squares.

2-Lay the larger square down face up, lay the small square face down on top of the larger square.

3-On one side match the center of the larger square with the center of one side of the smaller square. Pin them together. Begin sewing from the center out and stop $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the end of the small square. Stitch from the center going the other direction stopping $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the end of the small square. This will look strange because there is so much of the larger fabric sticking out past the small square but this is correct.

4-Sew 2 more sides in the same manner. On the 4th side leave about 4 inches open at the center so that you will have a place through which to pull the quilt. (I always forget this and have to rip it out!)

5-Now with the blanket still resting with the larger square on the bottom you should have something that looks like a folding-in edged piece of fabric with 4 rabbit ears in the corners. This is good!

6-Now for the amazing mitered corners! Working with one corner at a time, facing the corner from the inside space of the quilt, take the left "folding-in edge" and the right "folding-in edge" and put them together so they are lined up evenly. Lay the piece down onto the cutting board so that the 2 lined up edges are away from you. It should look like this:

7-The blanket corner should now look like a triangle with the matched edges at the top and a fold at the bottom. The bulk of the blanket is to your left (You can also do this to the right and upside down if you understand the concept). Take a ruler and place the bottom of it even with the fold at the bottom. Draw a line from the bottom to the place where you ended your sewing when you were sewing the sides together ("the dot"). See Diagram. Sew from the fold to the dot. DO NOT CUT!!

8-Pull that corner through the hole on the 4th side to see if you did it correctly. If you did (yea!) then do the same to the other 3 corners. Trim to a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam, press the seam open and then turn it all inside out making sure all of the corners are completely turned. Voila!

9-Press the center seam toward the border or outer edge making sure the whole project lays flat. Pin close the gap on side 4. To secure the blanket use a decorative stitch (zig-zag is fine) along the seam between the small square and the big square. Trim threads. Please return blanket to Rosemary Kent.

Thank you for making a Grace Project receiving blanket!!!

