

Serger Project**Flatlocked Patchwork
Fleece Blanket**

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Easier and faster to make than a quilt, this patchwork fleece blanket is still a cheerful and cozy addition to your holiday décor. Choose coordinating solids and prints from the selection of fleece available at your local fabric store, or use scraps from other fleece projects.

**Supplies**

- One yard of red 60"-wide fleece*
- One yard of green 60"-wide fleece*
- ½ yard of snowflake print 60"-wide fleece*
- Serger
- 2 spools of YLI Woolly Nylon
- 2 spools of regular serger thread
- Tapestry needle or bodkin
- Seam sealant
- Rotary cutter and mat
- "Cut for the Cure" ruler, 14" x 14" square

* If your fleece isn't a true 60" wide, either cut smaller squares or purchase an extra ½ yard.

Preparation

- ♦ Cut the fleece into squares, cutting around the 14" x 14" square ruler.



Tip: Layer the fleece and cut several squares at the same time. The larger the wheel of your rotary cutter, the more layers it will cut through.

- ◆ Set the serger for a **wide 3-thread flatlock** with Woolly Nylon in the upper looper, following the instructions in your owner's manual. For BERNINA sergers, use the settings below as a starting point, then sew a test swatch and adjust the settings as needed:

- ◇ Upper Looper (Woolly Nylon) = 4.0
- ◇ Lower Looper = 8.5
- ◇ Right Needle = removed
- ◇ Left Needle = 1.2
- ◇ Stitch Length = 1
- ◇ Differential Feed = N
- ◇ Cutting Width = 2
- ◇ Rolled hem lever = pushed in

- ◆ Make a test swatch:

- ◇ Place two pieces of fleece together, then serge along one side. The upper and lower looper and needle threads should meet at the edge, where the lower looper thread weaves them securely together. Woolly Nylon is very stretchy, so it may be necessary to loosen the upper looper tension.

Alternative: 2-Thread Flatlock

- ◆ If your serger has 2-thread capability, you may choose to set it for a **wide 2-thread flatlock**, following the instructions in your owner's manual. For BERNINA sergers, use the settings below as a starting point, then sew a test swatch and adjust the settings as needed:

- ◇ Upper Looper = converter installed
- ◇ Lower Looper = 4.0
- ◇ Right Needle = removed
- ◇ Left Needle = 2.0
- ◇ Stitch Length = 1
- ◇ Differential Feed = N
- ◇ Cutting Width = 1 to 1.5

- ◇ Gently pull the squares away from each other—like pulling on the covers of a book—until the seam opens flat.



The upper looper side of the stitch looks like “loops,” the needle thread stitches on the back look like “ladders.” Adjust tensions as needed.

Join the Squares

- ◆ Flatlock the squares together, being sure to shave a little off the edge as they are joined. Construct four strips as shown below.



Tip: If squares stretch as they are serged together, adjust the differential feed toward 1.5.

- ◆ Flatlock the rows together to create one large piece of patchwork:

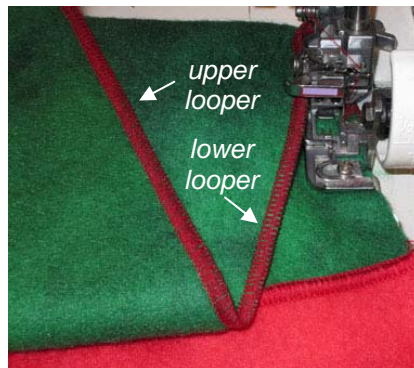


Finish the Edges

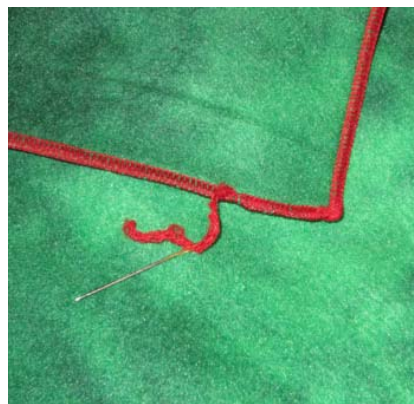
◆ Set the serger for a **wide 3-thread overlock** with Woolly Nylon in both loopers, following the instructions in the owner's manual. For BERNINA sergers, use the settings below as a starting point, then sew a test swatch and adjust the settings as needed:

- ◆ Upper Loooper (Woolly Nylon) = 4.0
- ◆ Lower Loooper (Woolly Nylon) = 4.0
- ◆ Right Needle = removed
- ◆ Left Needle = 4.0
- ◆ Stitch Length = 1
- ◆ Differential Feed = N
- ◆ Cutting Width = 2
- ◆ Rolled hem lever = pushed in

◆ Serge around all four sides of the blanket, leaving thread tails at the corners.



◆ Weave thread tails back under stitching. Dab with seam sealant; let dry, then cut tails.



Simple Serger-Edged Blanket



Supplies

- 1 yard of 45"-wide fabric (36" x 44" blanket) **or** 2 yards of 45"-wide fabric (44" x 60" blanket)
- 2 spools of YLI Woolly Nylon
- 1 spool of regular serger thread

◆ There's no need to trim away the unprinted edges before making the blanket; they'll be cut away as the sides are serged.



◆ Follow the "Finish the Edges" steps above, cutting off any unprinted borders while serging the edges of the blanket.



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