Skip-Stitch Rotary Blade Instructions
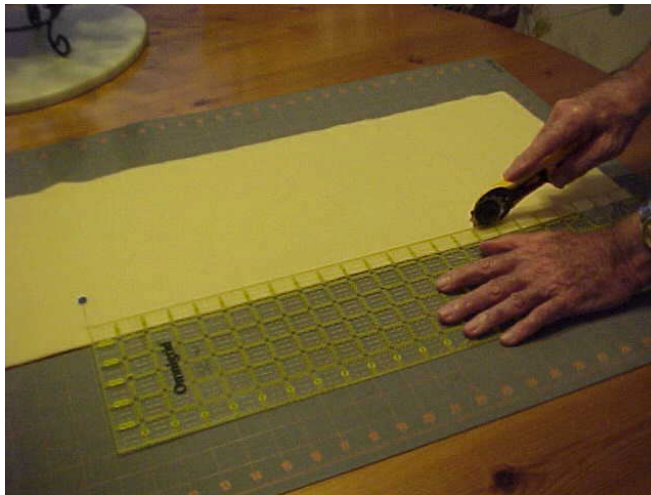
1) Cut fleece rectangle removing selvages.

2) Position ruler lengthwise ¾" from edge of fleece.

3) Using a 45mm rotary cutter equipped with the Skip-Stitch blade, run cutter along edge of ruler with enough pressure to perforate the fleece.

4) Mark last perforation with a pin. Reposition ruler to continue cutting. Place a blade tooth in the last perforation and continue cutting to end of the side. Repeat for each side of your project.

IMPORTANT – Run blade over each area only <u>once</u>. A second cutting will result in an unusable edge.

5) Crochet the Foundation Pattern around your project turning the edge under as you go. This alone makes an attractive finish or, if desired, you may then add the edging pattern of your choice. Trimming a small triangle from each corner before beginning to crochet keeps the underside of the corner neater.

Foundation Pattern

With right side of fleece facing you, single crochet in any hole but corner hole, chain l, single crochet in next hole, chain l. Continue around blanket, working 3 single crochets in corner holes. Turn fleece edge under as you go.
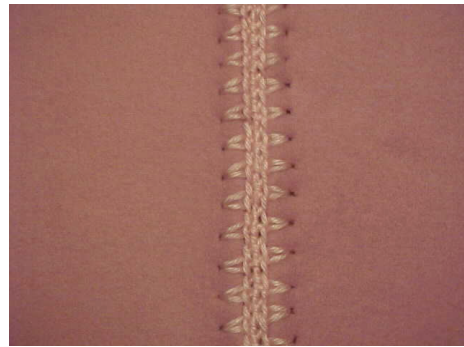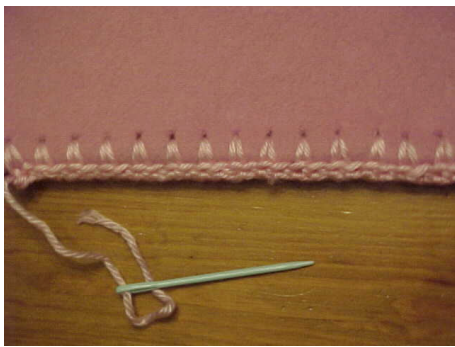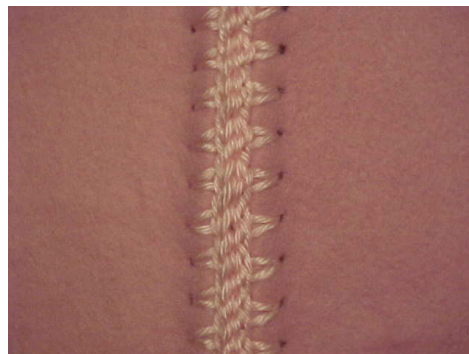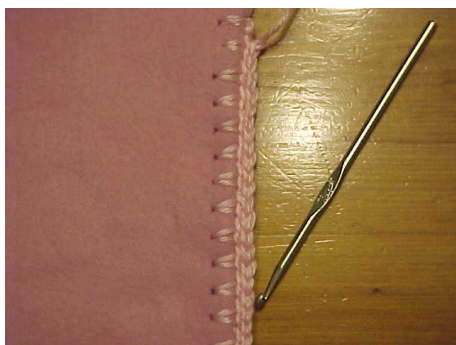

A suggested finishing pattern.

1) From the front side of your project, slip-stitch in a back loop of a stitch on the foundation pattern.
2) Skip a loop and work 3 double-crochets in the next loop,
3) Skip a loop and slip-stitch in the next loop.
4) Repeat steps 2 and 3 until you reach the second hole from the corner. Continue the same pattern without skipping any loops until you reach the second hole on the other side of the corner.
5) Then, continue skipping loops as before until you reach the second hole from the next corner.
NOTE – As you finish a round you will probably have to adjust your stitches to make the final joining of the pattern blend in attractively.

A variety of lovely blankets can be created by joining panels of fleece.

Example 1. Position panels back to back. Using a tapestry needle and yarn, whip-stitch panels together through outside loops of foundation stitching. Weave in yarn ends.
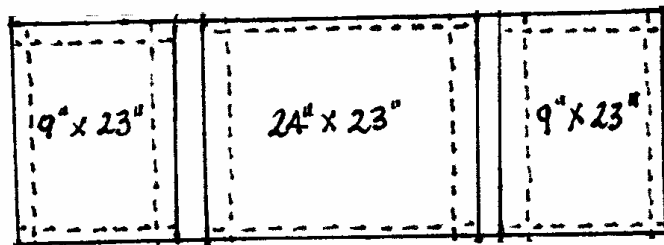

Example 2. This joining is achieved by positioning the panels back to back and joining outside loops with a slip-stitch using a crochet needle. Weave in yarn ends.
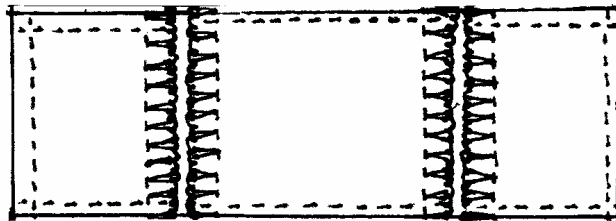
Instructions for joining a 5-panel fleece blanket

1) Cut 1 center panel and 2 side panels. (Dimensions for the pictured bear blanket are given here but may be easily adjusted for the finished size you desire.) Run Skip-Stitch blade ¾" from all sides
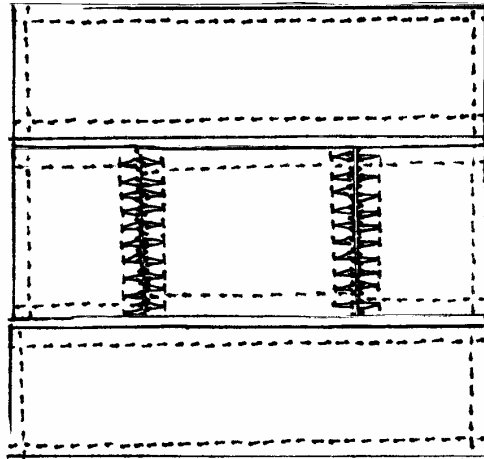

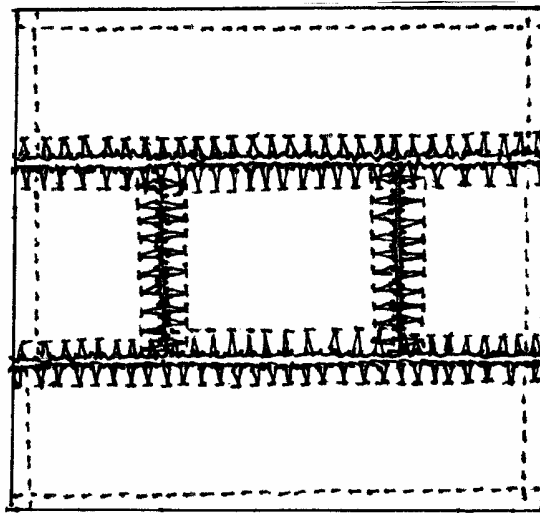2) Crochet foundation stitch on both sides of center panel and inside edges of side panels:

3) Join panels. (Position panels back to back. Pin together in several places to keep sides even with one another. Using a tapestry needle, whip-stitch, joining all outside loops):

4) Lay entire 3-panel unit from instruction #2 flat and measure width. Cut the top and bottom panels the width measured by 9 inches. Run the Skip-Stitch blade around these panels.

5) Crochet foundation stitch on inside edges of all three panels. When you foundation stitch across the crocheted seams insert a couple of double-crochet stitches into the crocheted seams to keep the edge as straight as possible.

6) Join the three sections with whip-stitch as before.

7) Foundation stitch around entire blanket placing a couple of double-crochet stitches in crocheted seams. Add the braid-stitch shown on page 3 or another decorative stitch, if desired.

Note: Weave in yarn ends as you construct your blanket.

Foundation Stitch – With right side of fleece facing you, single crochet in any hole but corner hole, chain l, single crochet in next hole, chain l. Continue around blanket, working 3 single crochets in corner holes. Turn fleece edge under as you go.

Braid Stitch - From the back side slip stitch in every top loop. Near the corners begin to place two slip stitches in alternate loops with one slip stitch in the loops between. This will help the corner lie flat.