

## Crazy Quilt Tie-Blanket

What even is a crazy quilt? It is a pieced together blanket that is all about looking good and does not follow a pattern or have the quilting stitches joining its front to its back that define true quilts. Crazy quilts are often full of souvenir ribbons, fancy fabrics, and embroidered or painted pictures. We have several crazy quilts in our collections at FCMOD. Check them out to get inspiration for your own. Today, we will be making a tie-blanket crazy quilt. There is no sewing required! Don't worry if you make a mistake, it will just add to the craziness of the quilt!



This crazy quilt (1973.007.0001) has the initials "P.E.B" painted on it and the year "1898" embroidered on it.

### Supplies:

- Fleece (2 yards total in at least 2 different colors but use as many as you like. Most fleece that you buy from a craft store will be 60 inches in width which is perfect for this project!)
- Scissors
- Tape Measure
- Colored pencil or fabric marker

### Instructions:

1. Find a work surface to lay your fabric on.
2. Use the tape measure and colored pencil to lightly sketch a 12 x 12-inch square on the corner of one piece of fabric.
3. Cut out the square. You can use this first square as a template for the rest of them!



4. Using your template, cut the rest of the fabric into 12 x 12-inch squares.
5. Once you have all your squares cut out, take one square, your tape measure and pencil and mark every inch on each edge of the square.
6. Make a 2-inch cut on each mark. This will create fringe around the square and cut off the corners!
7. Repeat step 6 until all your squares have fringe.
8. Take two squares that you want to tie together and line them up so that the tabs are lined up with each other.
9. Double knot the tabs on either square together until you have 8 knots joining two squares together!
10. Continue tying squares together lengthwise until you have 5 squares in a row. Make 6 rows of 5 squares.
11. Now, join each row together width wise until you have a 5 x 6 square blanket --crazy!



## Tips and Tricks:

- *You may knot the fringe on the edges of the blanket to give it a more finished look.*
- *If your squares are not exactly even, that's okay. As long as they all have an equal number of fringes it will come together just fine.*
- *You can arrange the squares in any pattern you like since a crazy quilt has no pattern.*