

# Optimist WRAP

Our Tri-District service project is to provide blankets for the kids at Children's Mercy Hospital. I'm sure many of you have seen or participated in making the no-sew tied fringe blankets, which is what we are doing. Rather than using double layer fleece which would be quite heavy, we will be working with just a single layer. You will need to provide your own material.

You can make these blankets at home or at a club meeting, or bring the fleece material, scissors and a ruler and we'll work on them together throughout the weekend!

We have a few instructions that must be followed for the blankets to be accepted by Children's Mercy:

1. Only new fleece fabric.
2. Material cannot be exposed to smoke, perfume, pets or other contaminants
3. Must be at least 42 inches long.

There are many different patterns and ways to make these blankets, so feel free to be creative just as long as you abide by the stipulations above provided by Children's Mercy. I've Googled for instructions and found numerous videos and instructional sites. Feel free to choose what would work for you, or bring your fleece and we'll work on them together. I am providing one set of instructions below that was used by another district.

The blankets will be delivered to Children's Mercy Hospital on Monday following the Tri-District Centennial Conference. A card of encouragement will be provided with each blanket (sample below).

If you have any questions, please email [DLHILL2@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:DLHILL2@SBCGLOBAL.NET).

*By providing hope and positive vision, and blankets, Optimists bring out the best in kids.*

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YOU WILL NEED: One and a half to two yards of material (depending on the width of the material)  
Remember that the length must be a minimum of 42 inches.

## INSTRUCTIONS:

Fold the blanket in half lengthwise and cut a four inch by four-inch square at each open corner (not the folded corners). From there, cut four-inch tabs across the three sides (not counting the folded side). It is popular to tie two blankets together; it actually makes the assembly a little bit easier. However, a double layer of fleece can be too hot for infants, so a single layer is preferred. If your fleece is thin and very lightweight, a double layer could work.

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## Your Optimist WRAP

**W** is for **WARMTH** - May the warmth from this blanket give you strength;

**R** is for **REST** - May you rest in comfort and rise refreshed and renewed;

**A** is for **AND** - Know that Optimists are always nearby and you are never alone;

**P** is for **PRAYER** - A prayer for your return to good health.

