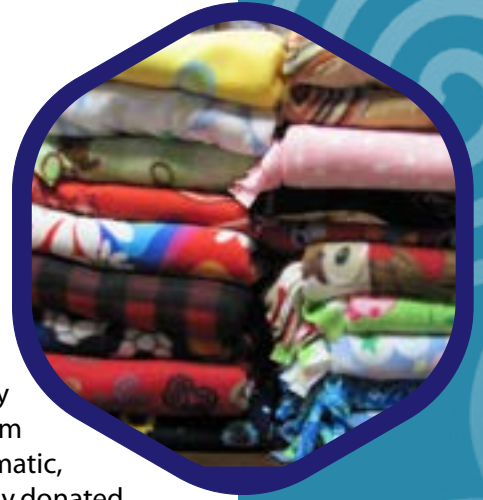


Make Blankets or Pet Beds for Alexandra House



One meaningful way to support survivors of violence is by organizing a community project to create blankets. When individuals, families, and their pets flee from violence and arrive at the Alexandra House shelter, it can be a particularly traumatic, chaotic, and confusing experience. Receiving a lovingly handcrafted or generously donated blanket (or pet bed) from a community member can help our participants feel welcomed and safe during their stay. We accept:

- New or gently used (but washed) store-bought blankets and pet beds
- Fleece tie blankets and pet beds
- Crocheted blankets or quilts

The approximate dimensions we are looking for are:

- Twin: 70 x 90 inches
- Full: 108 x 90 inches
- Dog bed: 58 x 36 inches
- Cat Bed: 29 x 18 inches

Many groups choose to create fleece tie blankets or pet beds. This is an easy project that kids enjoy participating in! Consider reaching out to local fabric and craft stores for donations or supplies.

Tie-Blankets Materials:

- Fleece: two 3-yard pieces of coordinating fleece per twin-sized blanket
- Fabric marker
- Ruler or measuring tape
- Scissors or rotary cutter, and cutting mat

Tie Blanket Instructions

- Cut two rectangles of fleece, each the desired size.
- Place the rectangles together with the wrong sides facing each other.
- Cut a square from each corner of both pieces.
- Cut strips of fringe around all sides of both pieces, at 1-inch intervals.
- Tie the fringed pieces together in a knot, using one strand from each layer of fabric.
- Repeat on all four sides of the blanket.

**Please share your
experience making
blankets for Alexandra
House with coworkers, family,
friends, and on social media.
Be sure to tag
@AlexHouseMN!**

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Pet Bed Materials:

- Fleece: 2 yards (dog bed: two 58 x 36 inch rectangles; cat bed 29 x 18 inch rectangles)
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Polyester stuffing

Pet Bed Instructions:

- Cut two 58 x 36 inch rectangles to make a dog bed or 29 x 18 inch rectangles for a cat bed.
- Lay the two pieces on top of one another.
- Cut 1 inch wide strips around the whole perimeter of the fabric (the cuts should go several inches in). Slice both layers at once.
- Take one strip from the top layer and tie it to the corresponding strip beneath, creating a secure knot.
- Tie the knots for all four edges.

Donation Drop Off Instructions:

Once your group has completed your blankets or pet beds, schedule a time to drop off blankets at Alexandra House by emailing donations@alexandrahouse.org or calling the donation hotline at 763-795-5473.

