

Make your own Polar Fleece Shawl

Purchase 1 1/3 yards of your fabric color polar fleece and ¼ yard of fleece for the trim. I also used 2 covered buttons. You will need thread to match.

The fleece is folded so the selvage edges meet. The fleece edges should be straightened one the width. Trim off the selvage. I used a rotary cutter.

Next fold the fleece so it is quartered. Cut the top layer fold up to the crosswise fold, to create the center front opening. I then cut the front neckline on the top layer using the neckline template as a shaping guide. Cut the back neckline using the back neckline guide. Open the folded shawl.

Cut 2 strips of trim polar fleece 3" wide. Piece the trim to make one long strip. Place the seam in the center back and place the strip right sides together to the shawl on the neckline edge. (If you want to trim the entire shawl cut 4 strips of trim and piece. Round the edges on the shawl for easy trimming.) Stitch the trim to the neckline edge using a seam the width of the presser foot. The seam is finger pressed toward the trim. Rolled the trim over the seam allowance and to the wrong side. Pin the trim in the ditch of the trim seam and sew in ditch on the right side to hold the trim in place. If there is too much seam allowance showing on the wrong side, cut the trim edge close to the stitching.

Cover 4 shank buttons with the trim polar fleece. Fold the shawl to a finished shape and pin the buttons in place to make a sleeve opening. Hand stitch the buttons in place so there is a button showing from the front and the back.

To add more style make 2 polar fleece ties 4" wide X 30". Fold the ties in half and in half again and top stitch both side to finish. Make one large buttonhole on each front side of the shawl about 4" from the buttons and on the front of the shawl. Make the buttonholes a little larger than the finished width of the tie. (You may want to stabilize the buttonhole area with a no show mesh stabilizer before you sew the buttonholes. This will keep the buttonholes from stretching.)

Top stitch the tie to the inside back of the shawl , 4" from the button placement. Bring the ties through the buttonholes and tie in the front as a closure.

Optional- Finish the top of the neckline with a hook and eye

