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## DIY Faux Fur & Buffalo Plaid Throw Blanket How-To

This step-by-step tutorial will show you how to make a DIY faux fur & buffalo plaid fleece throw blanket. A faux fur throw is an affordable craft that takes only beginner sewing skills & is a perfect antidote for chilly days & nights.

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When the weather gets cold, the cold grab blankets. There's nothing more comforting on a cold evening than snuggling in a soft faux fur blanket. Its weight and softness are more significant than just any old blanket and the luxe texture of the fur and pop of color of the lining adds a stylish touch to the art of keeping warm.

Custom monogrammed fur throws can cost into the hundreds of dollars, yet this gorgeous throw costs less than \$30. Both the [faux fur](#) and [fleece fabric](#) are 60" wide so you won't need to do any additional trimming. You can simply order 2 yards of each and have them shipped to you, perfectly cut to length. [Shop fabric by the yard](#)

We've made this fur throw using "wolf" faux fur and a red-and-black buffalo plaid fleece for an on-trend rustic log cabin feel, but you can use any combination of fur and fleece that matches your decor.

This project is easy enough for beginner sewers because it's basically just sewing straight lines, plus the fur and fleece are very forgiving about how straight those lines are. However, sewing thick fabrics like fur and fleece does take a little

patience.

Is it time to get snuggly yet? Let's sew!

## Project supplies

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## Supply list

- Paper for printing monogram
- 8-1/2" x 11" buffalo plaid fleece scrap (or other fray-free fabric) for monogram
- [Straight pins](#)
- [Sewing scissors](#)
- 2 yards wolf [faux fur](#) (60" wide)
- [Sewing machine](#)

- [Black thread](#)
- Ruler
- 2 yards buffalo plaid [fleece](#) (60" wide)
- [Binder clips](#)
- [Seam allowance measuring gauge](#)

## Instructions

**Step 1.** Create monogram letter template using a word processing program. Use a thick font that you like at the largest size that will fit on one page (we used Rockwell Bold). Alternatively, you can hand draw it, but using a computer is a lot easier.

**Step 2.** Print monogram onto paper and cut the letter shape out of paper leaving about a 1/4" border. (This slightly wider shape helps you keep the look of the true shape of the letter when you sew it onto the fur.)

**Step 3.** Pin the template onto the fleece fabric. Cut out the monogram shape from the buffalo plaid fleece fabric.

**Step 4.** Place and pin plaid monogram on fur in the corner bottom, making sure the nap of the fur is down (i.e., you would "pet" the fur downwards). Place monogram at least 8" from edges. (We recommend doing this because you will lose a lot of

edges. (we recommend doing this because you will lose a lot of seam allowance during the sewing process and you don't want the monogram to be too close to the edge).

**Step 5.** Use zigzag stitch to sew monogram onto fur, backstitching at the corners. We recommend only sewing with the nap. If you sew against the nap, the fur may get caught in your sewing machine or otherwise prevent you from creating a smooth stitch.

**Step 6.** Take the fur fabric (now with embroidered monogram) and buffalo plaid fleece and align them on top of one another, right sides facing each other.

**Step 7.** Use binder clips to secure edges of the fabric to one another. We use binder clips (or similar clamps) instead of pins because even a long pin can get lost when pinning 2 thick fabrics or cause the fabrics to buckle slightly, making it more difficult to sew.

**Step 8.** Sew around almost all the entire edge of the blanket

using a straight stitch and a large seam allowance. We used large 3" seam allowance but you can use a smaller if you like. The pattern of the buffalo plaid makes it super easy to sew along one of the stripes.

**Important:** When sewing, make sure to leave a 12" section of the perimeter unsewn at the bottom, right at the corner. You'll use that to turn the blanket right side out.

**Step 9.** When you are finished sewing, clip the corners—but not too close to your stitching.

**Step 10.** Use the 12" open part of the blanket to turn the blanket right side out so that the fur and the right side of the fleece are on the outside.

**Step 11.** Sew together the open part of the blanket by tucking the seam allowances so that they are inside the blanket. Secure with binder clips (or pins) and sew using a 1/2" seam allowance.

**Step 12.** Re-fluff the fur along the edges.

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