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Thank you for making Comfort Capes!

These handmade, no-sew blankets offer warmth and comfort to children who visit the SAFEchild Advocacy Center. Each child chooses their own Comfort Cape, meaning your effort and care in making the capes is a loving reminder that our community cares for its children. We are grateful for you!

Supplies Needed Per Blanket:

- Good pair of scissors
- Two, 2-yard lengths of coordinating fleece (preferably 60 inches wide)
- 5x5-inch square cardboard template for corners
- Several 1x5-inch cardboard templates for fringe strips that will be knotted together
- Straight pins (optional but helpful)

Local fleece sources: Michaels, Hobby Lobby, Walmart
Online fleece sources: yourfleece.com, michaels.com, any cute designs you find while Googling

Current fleece needs: characters, sports themed, and girly designs

Cutting the Fleece

- Lay out fleece with the wrong sides facing each other
- Line up the edges and pin the two pieces together with the straight pins
- Trim any rough or uneven edges
- Using the 5x5-inch template, cut a square from each corner
- Using templates to keep cuts consistent and even, cut 5-inch-deep fringe strips around all four sides, spacing them approximately ¾" to 1" apart

Knotting the Fleece

- Start in one corner, using one strip from the top layer and the strip just below it from the bottom layer, to tie an overhand knot
- Tie a second knot with the same two fringe pieces to secure
- Continue tying every other pair of fringe strips around the blanket
- Turn the blanket over, tie the remaining fringe strips until all strips have been knotted
- Maintain steady tension while tying knots to avoid overstretching the fleece
- Tight, snug knots help the blanket withstand repeated washing and drying

Finishing Up

- Please contact volunteers@safechildnc.org to arrange drop-off
- Optional: you also may include a note that reads: This blanket was made with love and hope by (your first name)

Thank you again for volunteering with SAFEchild. You are sharing love and joy with children and families when they need it most.

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