

# FLEECE HATS

TRY IT - BADGE - FUNDRAISING - SERVICE PROJECT

## Getting Started

The girls all brought one to two yards of polar fleece that they picked out. We watched the sales at JoAnn's and used left over pieces from other projects to make it as affordable as possible.

We had two parents ready to help, two sewing machines and one serger. We set up several "stations" to work at: the pattern making/cutting table, the serging/sewing table, the fringe cutting/tying table and the finishing corner. Each girl got a chance to do every station. They made 80 hats!

### THE FLEECE HAT DETAILS:

You will need to cut out rectangles of fleece as follows:

X Small (toddler): 16 1/2" x 12"

Small (younger child): 19 1/2 x 15"

Medium (older child): 21 x 15"

Large (adult): 23 x 18"

All are sized with a folded brim and a 3 - 4" fringe on top. Leave XS, S as is, subtract 2 1/2" (M, L) for a straight.

\*The 12, 15, 18" goes with the grain.



## Putting it together

Fold the rectangle in half (ex. 21 x 15" rectangle should measure 10.5 x 15"). There is a 1/2 inch seam allowance for a serger. You can make it a little bigger for a sewing machine. Stitch up the side, creating a tube. Fold up the bottom to create the brim. 2" (XS, S) or 2 1/2" (M, L) **without a folded brim.**

**With a folded brim** fold up 3" (XS, S) or 3 1/2" (M, L). Hem. Cut fringe 1 1/2' wide 3" (XS, S) and 4" (M, L) deep. Gather near base of fringe. Use 1/2" strip of fleece to tie square knot tightly to keep top closed. You may stitch if you like.



FOLD THE RECTANGLE IN HALF with the grain running lengthwise. Sew up the side to create a tube shape.



FOLD UP THE BRIM using the measurements above. Stitch in place. Cut the fringe at the top.

This hat will have a folded brim



GATHER AND TIE the fringed edge to create the pom-pom on the top. This hat has a straight brim. You can wear it as is or embellish it with fabric paint, glue on rhinestones etc...