

Guide to Tie for Sky High

Sky High's mission is to bring communities together to provide comfort, fund research and save lives of those fighting pediatric cancer and other life-threatening conditions. Tie for Sky High is about providing comfort for children who are fighting for their lives. We encourage you to join us in making warm, fuzzy blankets for the patients of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Texas Children's Cancer Center.

Supplies

- 100% anti-pill fleece fabric cut 1-1/2 yards X 1-1/2 yards. Match a patterned top with a solid bottom or get funky with two patterns! You get to choose the fabric pattern! We love cheery, fun patterns, sports logos, geographic designs and everything in between! What kind of blanket would you want to snuggle up with?
- Fabric scissors – Fiskar 9" Dressmaker Shears
- Scissor sharpener
- Bags for the blankets – Uline 24" X 32" Jumbo Slider Zip Bags
- Tables - 5' X 5' minimum
- First-aid kit (just in case!)

Where to Find Supplies

- Wal-Mart has great prices but limited selection. They will cut the material into the size needed for you.
- JoAnn Fabric is pricey but has a great selection. They will cut the material into the size needed for you. Make sure to keep an eye out for their sales!
- Michael's has a good selection of pre-cut, no-sew kits that are a bit more expensive than buying fabric. They have great sales, make sure to check them out!
- Online you can find great prices, but the fabric comes in bolts that you will have to cut into 1-1/2 yards. You need a good size space to cut the fabric, so we recommend trying this last.

Our Process

- Match the top and bottom as closely as possible and smooth out on a flat surface.
- Cut off the excess material so the top and bottom blanket are exactly the same size.
- Cut 3" X 3" squares out of each corner (We've found that a Post It is the perfect size to help with measurements.)
- Cut approximate 1" wide by 3" long strips around the entire blanket.
- Tie the top strip to the bottom strip around the entire blanket by making the first knot somewhat loose and the second knot tight. Note, if the first knot is tight, the blanket will bunch and not lay flat.
- Not ready to tie right away? Then just tie all the corners so the blanket can be stored and tied later!

Anything Else?

- The approximate cost of material to make one blanket is \$12 to \$25.
- Make sure to purchase a variety of fabric that is suitable for young boys and girls as well as teenagers.
- Bring some pre-cut blankets to any blanket-making event as an example and so teams can get started tying while waiting on blankets to be cut.
- To determine how much material is needed, assume a 5-person team can complete one blanket every 30 minutes.
- Even if the fabric is being supplied by a donor, corporation, or Sky High, encourage a BYOB (Bring Your Own Blanket) event where everyone brings material to make at least one blanket.
- We encourage adults to cut the blankets and handle any sharp materials so the kids don't have to!