

Foot of the Month > Serge and Sew Baby Blanket

This month we'll show you how to Serge and Sew a cozy, double layer baby blanket. Use our super simple technique to miter the corner and wrap the edge for a decorative and professional finish. Your Brother Serger quickly finishes the raw edge of the wrap around binding, and your Brother sewing machine makes it easy to sew the blanket together. We used the featured foot of the Month, the Brother Adjustable Blind Hem foot to neatly topstitch the fold-over binding for this soft and warm baby blanket.

Materials and Supplies

- [Brother Sewing Machine](#)
- [Brother Serger](#)
- [SA133 Adjustable Blind Hem Foot](#)
- Flannel for blanket:
 - One piece measuring 30" Long by 40" Wide for front.
 - One piece measuring 34" Long by 44" Wide for back.

NOTE: Adjust measurements as desired for a blanket that is slightly smaller or larger. Be sure to cut the back piece measuring four inches larger than the front piece.

- Size 14 Sharp needle for sewing machine.
- Basic sewing notions, including good quality thread to match fabric.
- Thread for Serger: Three spools to match or contrast with fabric. We used ordinary Serger thread in the left needle and wooly type texturized nylon thread in the upper and lower loopers.

NOTE: Please click on the link below for helpful information on using decorative thread in your Brother serger:

[Brother Home Sewing Serger Techniques and Tutorials](#)

Instructions for Creating Blanket

1. Set up the serger for a three thread wide stitch. Adjust for a balanced stitch. Disengage the cutting mechanism or serge by skimming the fabric right along the edge of the blade so that no additional fabric is trimmed. You can use standard serger thread if you wish but the wooly type thread has a soft finish and covers the raw edge nicely. Test your stitch on fabric remnants for best results. Select the larger, back piece. With the right side of the fabric facing up, serge all four edges of the back piece, serging from end to end.

*See **Figure #2**.



Figure #1



Featured Foot of the Month: [SA133 Adjustable Blind Hem Foot](#)

Perfect for edge stitching and top-stitching, this foot works with straight and decorative stitches. The adjustable, open-toed guide makes it easy to consistently stitch along straight edges like the serge finished binding on our blanket. You'll reach for this foot over and over again once you learn how easy it is to use!

Figure #2



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1. Layer flannel as follows:

- Place the back piece on a smooth flat surface with the wrong side facing up.
- Center the front piece on top, with the right side facing up. Make sure the layers are smooth and even, and then pin layers using long pins. The back piece should extend 2-inches from the edge of the top piece.
- Next, Fold each corner at an angle, folding to meet the raw edge of the top piece. See photos below:



- ### 2. Miter each corner to prepare for stitching, following each step outlined in **Figure #3**.

Figure #3

Trim 1-inch off the corner of back piece to reduce bulk.



Fold and press the back toward top piece, folding to meet the raw edge of the top piece.



Neatly fold and press to make a mitered corner, then press under 2-inches on all sides.



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3. Set up machine for sewing with a medium zig zag stitch and the standard presser foot. Stitch across each mitered corner. *See **Figure #4**.
4. Attach the adjustable blind hem foot to the machine. Loosen the screw on the attachment so the edge guide falls along the serge finished edge and the zig zag stitch forms across the stitching. Zig zag stitch along each edge to bind the blanket and secure the layers together. *See **Figure #5**.

You are finished!

Figure #4



Figure #5



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