How to Make a Raggy Shaggy

1. Cut fabric into desired size. Remember, you need a front and a back.

2. Cut quilt batting 2" smaller than the fabric. You need one square of quilt batting for every two squares of fabric.

3. Sandwich a piece of quilt batting between two fabrics. Position the right sides of the fabric facing outward and center the quilt batting in the middle of the squares. Pin together through all three layers to hold it in place.

4. Sew an "X" through the center of the fabric and batting to make each "sandwich." Start at one corner and sew diagonally across the square using a small straight stitch. Remove the fabric from the machine and repeat this between the opposing two corners. Do not sew around the perimeter. Repeat this with all of your sandwiches.

5. Position two fabric sandwiches together with the back sides (the sides you want on the bottom of your quilt), facing each other. Sew the two pieces together along one side, making your seam 1 inch in from the edge of the blocks. Repeat this process to make a straight row.

6. Position two rows of squares together with the back sides facing. Sew a seam along one long edge of the row, 1 inch in from the edge. Repeat this to join the other rows together to finish the main body of the quilt.

7. Sew along the outside perimeter of the quilt, 1 inch in from the edge. Leave the edges of the quilt rough.

8. Use a pair of scissors to clip the seams. (Spring loaded snips work great!) To do this, cut straight in from the cut edges of the fabric, making small cuts perpendicular to the seams themselves, like you are cutting fringe. Do this for all of the seams inside the quilt and for the outer edge of the quilt. Stop your cuts 1/8 inch in from the seam itself. (Note: if you've bought one of our pre-cut raggy shaggy kits this step is not necessary.)

9. Wash your raggy shaggy the first time in a public laundromat using one of their large, commercial machines. The first washing results in a LOT of shedding and lint and can damage a regular machine.

10. Enjoy your new creation!