

Blankets

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Special blankets known as baby blankets are used to protect infants from the cold. Small children (and some adults) may also use a blanket as a comfort

A blanket is a swath of smooth cloth large enough either to cover or to enfold most of the user's body and thick enough to keep the body warm by trapping radiant body heat that otherwise would be lost through convection and radiation.

== Etymology ==

The term arose from the generalization of a specific fabric called blanke, a heavily napped undyed woolen weave. A popular theory has that the name derives from an eponymous Thomas Blanket (Blanquette), a Flemish weaver who lived in Bristol, England, in the 14th century.

However, earlier usage of the term is possible as a borrowing of the Old French word blanket for the type of fabric, attested as early as 1278 and deriving from the adjective blanc, meaning "white". William Shakespeare is recognised as the first person to use the verb blanket, meaning to 'cover with or as with a blanket'. In the play King Lear, published in 1608, the character Edgar says: "My face ile grime with filth, Blanket my loynes, else all my haire with knots."

Space blanket

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A space blanket is an especially low-weight, low-bulk blanket made of heat-reflective thin plastic sheeting. They are used on the exterior surfaces of spacecraft for thermal control, as well as by people. Their design reduces the heat loss in a person's body, which would otherwise occur quickly due to thermal radiation, water evaporation, or convection. Their low weight and compact size before unfurling make them ideal when space or weight are at a premium. They may be included in first aid kits and with camping equipment. Lost campers and hikers have an additional possible benefit: the shiny surface flashes in the sun, allowing its use as an improvised distress beacon for searchers and as a method of signalling over long distances to other people.

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Blankets (comics)

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Blankets is an autobiographical graphic novel by Craig Thompson, published in 2003 by Top Shelf Productions. As a coming-of-age autobiography, the book tells the story of Thompson's childhood in an Evangelical Christian family, his first love, and his early adulthood. The book was widely acclaimed, with Time magazine ranking it #1 in its 2003 Best Comics list, and #8 in its Best Comics of the Decade.

== Publication history ==

In late 1999, Thompson began work on the graphic novel, which was published three and a half years later in 2003. Thompson produced the book as a way of coming out to his parents about no longer being a Christian.

Hudson's Bay point blanket

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Hudson's Bay point blankets are woollen blankets originally made for the Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) in British North America, now Canada and the United States. Manufactured in England since 1779, they served as a form of currency during the North American fur trade exchanged with First Nations for beaver pelts. Historically available through HBC trading posts, they were often hand made into winter clothing (specifically capotes and mackinaws) worn extensively by voyageurs (European fur traders) and Indigenous peoples. Beginning in the 20th century, an HBC factory-made "point blanket coat" was popularized amongst the population of Canada to the extent that it was looked on as a national dress. HBC point blankets have become part of the Canadian identity representing a nationally shared cultural symbol.

The points system, marked by thin lines woven into the side of each blanket, indicates the overall size of a blanket. These lines originally allowed traders to identify blanket size at a glance. By the mid-20th century as bed sizes became standardized the point system came to indicate modern sizes, with 3.5 points denoting twin size, 4 points a double, 6 points a queen, and 8 points a...

Fire blanket

fire blankets which have been tested according to BS EN 1869. In the investigation out of the 22 tested fire blankets, 16 of the fire blankets themselves

A fire blanket is a safety device designed to extinguish incipient (starting) fires. It consists of a sheet of a fire retardant material that is placed over a fire in order to smother it.

Small fire blankets, such as for use in kitchens and around the home are usually made of glass fiber and sometimes kevlar, and are folded into a quick-release contraption for ease of storage. Larger fire blankets, for use in laboratory and industrial situations, are often made of wool – sometimes treated with a flame retardant chemical such as hexafluorozirconate and zirconium acetate. These blankets are usually mounted in vertical quick-release containers so that they can be easily pulled out and wrapped round a person whose clothes are on fire.

Fire blankets, along with fire extinguishers, are fire safety items that can be useful in case of a fire. These nonflammable materials are stable in temperatures up to 1300 °C for Nextel ceramic fibres, 1200 °C for glass fibers, 480 °C for Kevlar, and 570 °C for wool. These are useful in smothering fires by reducing the amount of oxygen available to the fire. Due to its simplicity, a fire blanket may be more helpful for someone who is inexperienced with...

Weighted blanket

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A weighted blanket is an especially heavy blanket that is used to aid sleep and reduce anxiety. Initially, weighted blankets were most commonly used in deep pressure therapy to assist autistic people, individuals with dementia, and mental health conditions. They have subsequently become a mass-market product. Scientific evidence does not support their use as an aid for insomnia, and they can be dangerous, particularly for children.

== Deep pressure therapy ==

Deep pressure therapy (DPT) or deep touch pressure (DTP) is a sensory integration therapy used to help calm neurodivergent people with sensory processing sensitivity through the application of a firm, gentle pressure to the body. DPT may be applied with weighted blankets, but also with weighted vests, hug machines, or a heavy pet. DPT provides a soothing sensation akin to a warm, reassuring embrace that can help regulate the nervous system and decrease stress.

Electric blanket

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An electric blanket is a blanket that contains integrated electrical heating wires. Types include underblankets, overblankets, throws, and duvets. An electric underblanket is placed above the mattress and below the bottom bed sheet. This is the most common type in the UK and Commonwealth countries, where it is known by default as an "electric blanket"; in the U.S. and Canada, where it is less common, it is called an electric heated mattress pad. An electric overblanket is placed above the top bed sheet, and is the most common type in the U.S. and Canada, where it is called an "electric blanket".

Electric blankets usually have a control unit that adjusts the amount of heat the blanket produces by pulsing current at different intervals. Blankets for two-person beds often have separate controls for each side of the bed. The electric blanket may be used to pre-heat the bed before use or to keep the occupant warm while in bed.

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== Mechanism ==

Much like heating pads, electric blankets use an insulated wire or heating element inserted...

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Saddle blankets have been used for many centuries with all types of saddles. Some are a single thickness, others are made to be folded and used with a double thickness. Although a pad or blanket cannot take the place of a properly fitted saddle, pads with shims or blankets with a special design can partially compensate for minor fitting problems.

Half pads are small, contoured pads used for temporary saddle fit adjustments, such as compensating for muscle wastage or weight gain. They fill hollow gaps while a horse's shape is changing, but once the horse is correctly muscled, the saddle should be re-fitted and the pad removed. Some riders will use a half pad for extra cushioning, or to prevent the saddle from slipping.

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Blanket fort

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Parenting books frequently suggest building blanket forts as an activity for parents to participate in play with their children. A blanket fort is made by grabbing blankets around the house and setting them up in a room-like manner. Furniture such as a dining table, a bunk bed, chairs, or an

overturned couch can form the foundation for a blanket fort. Clothespins, binder clips, and safety pins may be used to connect blankets and sheets.

== In popular culture ==

As a staple of early childhood entertainment, blanket forts are commonly referenced in children's books, such as Corduroy's Sleepover and If You Give a Pig a Party.

In the third season of the television series Community, the episodes "Digital Exploration of Interior Design" and "Pillows and Blankets" focus on the idea of building the biggest blanket fort.

Sleeved blanket

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A sleeved blanket is a body-length blanket with sleeves usually made of fleece or nylon material. It is similar in design to a bathrobe but reversed (with the opening in the back). The Snuggie brand's infomercial campaign, starting in 2008, popularized sleeved blankets and drew satire in popular culture.

== Popularity ==

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