



Directions For Making Cat Beds for the Sacramento County Animal Shelter

You will need bright colored polar fleece or flannel material, and poly batting which can be purchased at any fabric store. **Be sure to pre-shrink** the polar fleece or flannel by wash and drying on high heat before cutting for beds.

Finished size 18" by 18"

1. Cut a piece of polar fleece or flannel 19" by 40".
2. Batting should be cut 18" by 18".
3. Fold the polar fleece or flannel in half crosswise, right sides together, so it is now 19" by 20".
4. Double stitch a ½" seam around the three sides, leaving one side open (like a pillow case).
5. Turn right side out and lay it over the batting.
6. Cut the batting to fit the pillow case size, making the batting 1" to 2" shorter where the opening is.
7. Insert batting into pillow case, flatten to fit inside.
8. Turn in unsown end and topstitch the opening shut with a 1/4" seam.
9. Topstitch a pattern on the bed to help keep the batting in place through industrial-type washing machines. A sample pattern is to measure in 3" from all four sides and stitch a 3" border around the bed. You can be creative and stitch a 3" border around the bed. You can be creative and stitch any pattern you would like.

Cat beds can be made in any size. Preferred finished size is 18" by 18". Make a pillow case and then cut the batting to fit, leave 2" at top to tuck in. Be creative. Mix, match, piece materials, cat's don't care, they just want something soft, warm to lay on, but the bright colors do attract adopters' attention. Finished beds can be dropped off at the shelter during regular business hours.

See photo examples on page 2.



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