



HOW TO MAKE CAT BEDS

Our cats at the shelter are often here for weeks and sometimes months. Often we use towels as beds but they truly enjoy a fluffy bed to sleep on while they are here! You can help them have the “comforts of home” while they wait for their “forever” home. Your beds will be seen by everyone who comes looking for a new kitty to adopt!

You will need polar fleece material and 6-8 oz polyester batting which can be purchased at any fabric store. Wash and dry the polar fleece before cutting for beds.

You can help the animals that are cared for by City Animal Care Services by making these Cat Beds in your home and donating them to Animal Care. You can make Cat Beds to fulfill community service requirements, as a youth group project or as a personal project!

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut a piece of polar fleece 12" by 36"
2. You will need TWO pieces of batting approximately 11" by 15"
3. Fold the polar fleece in half crosswise, right sides together, so that it is now 12" by 18".
4. Double stitch a 1/2" seam around three sides, leaving one 12" side open (like a pillow case).
5. Turn right side out and lay it over the batting.
6. Cut two pieces of the batting to fit the pillow case size, making the batting 3" shorter where the opening is.
7. Fold batting in half and insert into pillowcase, unfold and flatten to fit inside.
8. Turn in unsewn 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. We have an industrial-type washing machine and these beds will be washed often. A simple pattern is to measure in 3" from all four sides and stitch a 3" border around the bed. You can be creative and stitch any pattern you would like.

The finished bed should measure approximately 11" by 15". This bed will fit all of our cat cages. To make beds to fit the bigger cat cages, increase the polar fleece cut to 16" by 40"; the finished bed will be approximately 15" by 17".

Completed Cat Beds can be dropped off at our Main Lobby

City of Sacramento Animal Care Services ♦ 2127 Front Street Sacramento CA 95818		
	Main Lobby Hours	Reception Center Hours
Tuesday – Friday	11:00 AM – 6:00 PM	(The reception Center is currently close due to staff shortage)
Saturday	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	

Thank you for helping the animals at City Animal Care Services!

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