



Capital Quilts Cares

## Make an Easy Basic Pet Bed

Basic size: @ 18 x 22 – this is 2 fat quarters sewn together or ½ yard folded in half

*But, you can use whatever size or type of fabric you have to make a larger or smaller bed – just make sure the fabric is washable!*

To make case:

- Place fabric right sides together and seam three sides, leaving one of the longer sides unsewn (if ½ yd, only need to sew two seams)
- Turn right sides out and press flat
- Make stuffing channels by sewing lines (2 or 3 depending on size of case) parallel to the shorter sides, beginning at the seamed longer side and extending to within one inch of the raw edge side (NOTE: Channels should be wide enough to fit your fist inside, so you can stuff easily!)

To make stuffing:

- Cut up your fabric and batting scraps into smaller pieces, @ 2"-2 1/2" in size (use this as a guideline, not an absolute). Make sure there are no pins/needles/paper or other miscellaneous items in with your scraps. A 60mm rotary cutter makes it easier to cut up scraps.
- Batting scraps mixed in with fabric scraps help give a better fill; if you have larger pieces of fabric and batting, layer them and then cut for efficiency.
- Any fabric and/or batting you use for stuffing must be washable!

To finish the bed:

- Stuff the channels you sewed so that they are somewhat full but not packed tight; stuffing will compress as the pet lays on it.
- Close the case by folding over the raw edges twice and stitching across.

Bring your finished beds made to Capital Quilts, and a volunteer will deliver them to local groups. Or, you can make the donation yourself – please contact the agency first to make sure they will accept them.

*Recycling and reusing to benefit our four-legged friends!*