



Cat Comforter Construction Tips



“Oh, this feels so good!” We try to keep the precious pets under our care as comfortable as possible during their stay with us. Research shows that cats remain more content if they are surrounded by familiar smells and of course, a cushy bed. Our Cat Comforters are made by caring volunteers and each kitty gets their own (if we have enough). When they go to their forever home, a comforter goes with them. We've found that this significantly helps to ease their transition to a new environment.

Making the Comforters is fun and easy. The recommended size is 18" x 24", but you can also make them larger. You can sew, tie, knit and crochet, and you can choose any fabric or yarn. These are just a sample of possible construction tips. Also, make sure to wash fabric first to preshrink it and to avoid misshapen comforters from occurring when put in the laundry.

Really Easy Sewing with Fleece

Materials

- 2 pieces of fleece, each 18" x 24"
- Matching thread
- Scissors

Directions

1. Cut the fleece into 2 pieces, and lay the pieces on top of each other.
2. Measure about 2 ½" from the edge and stitch all the way around with sewing machine.
3. Cut about a 2 ½" square from each corner
4. Cut the edges all around to make fringe.



Easy No-Sew Fleece

Materials

- 2 pieces of fleece, 21" x 27"
- Scissors

Directions

1. Cut the 2 pieces of fleece and lay them flat.
2. Cut a 3" square out of each corner.
3. Cut fringe all the way around, 3" deep and 1" wide.
4. Tie the fringe together using a double knot to join the pieces of fleece together.



Easy No-Sew Fleece with Batting

Follow the directions above for the no-sew fleece comforter.

1. Tie the fringe together on 3 sides of the comforter, leaving one side open.
2. Use fiber fill and put enough in the comforter to make it soft. Be careful not to overstuff it.
3. Tie the fringe together to close the comforter.

Easy Sewing with Batting

Materials

- Any type of fabric
- Matching thread
- 1 piece of batting, 25" x 20"

Directions

1. Cut a fabric rectangle approximately, 50" x 20"
2. Fold fabric in half.
3. Place a 25 x 20 piece of batting on top of fabric
4. Pin fabric, wrong side together, and place batting on top.
5. Sew 3 sides together.
6. Trim seams, turn right side.
7. Hand stitch opening closed.
8. Top stitch one inch from seam to hold batting in place.

Easy Knitted Cat Comforter

Materials

- Size 13 needles
- 4 ply yarn

Directions

*Knit with 2 strands together to make the comforter sturdier.

1. Loosely cast on 76 stitches.
2. Knit each row until you have the desired size, approximately 18" x 24".
3. Cast off.

Easy Crocheted Cat Comforter

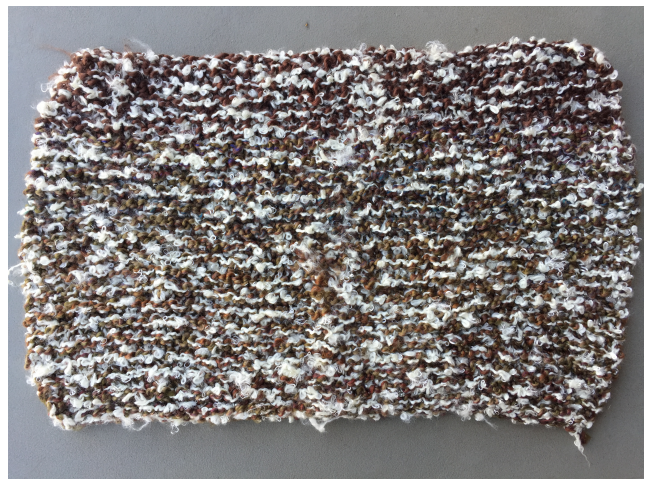
Materials

- Size 9 crochet needle, a larger crochet hook will create a softer comforter
- 4 ply yarn

Directions

*Crochet with 2 strands of yarn to make the comforter sturdier.

1. Chain 75 plus one chain to turn.
2. Single crochet first row.
3. Continue with single crochet or double crochet each additional row until you reach the desired size, 18" x 24".
4. Close loop.



Experienced Crafters

For more experienced crafters, feel free to create your own pattern.

Just a couple of reminders:

- Approximate size, 18" x 24", finished comforter
- Double strand yarn to make each comforter stronger