

pet bed

by lindsay conner



Who doesn't want to pamper their pets? Well, this soft bed made from Cuddle fabric is the perfect canine (or feline) gift. The patchwork pet bed cover is easy to stitch, and equally easy to pop off and throw in the washer. The dense foam (or cedar chips, depending on your filling of choice) provides the perfect resting place for your sweet furry one.

overall materials: (Lindsay used the Embossed Chevron Cuddle fabric line from Shannon Fabrics.)

- 1/4 yard of ivory Cuddle
- 5/8 yard of red Cuddle
- 3/4 yard of brown Cuddle
- (2) 15" X 17" X 3" Poly-Fil Nu-Foam® Cushions by Fairfield
- Optional—1 yard of muslin and 1 large bag of pet bedding cedar chips
- (1) 1" wide by 2" long strip of hook and loop tape

cutting instructions:

- From the ivory, cut (1) 19" X WOF strip; then cut, (1) 7" X 19" rectangle
- From the red, cut (1) 19" X WOF strip; then cut, (1) 16" X 19" rectangle and (1) 10" X 8" rectangle
- From the brown, cut (1) 19" X WOF strip; then cut, (2) 6" X 19" rectangles, (1) 10" X 13" rectangle, (1) 6" X 16" and (2) 8" X 16" rectangles
- Optional: Cut (1) 18 1/2" X WOF strip; then cut (2) 15 1/2" X 18 1/2" rectangles for the top and bottom lining.
 - * Cut (2) 4 1/2" X WOF strips. Sew into one long strip for dimensional sides of the bed. Trim to 4 1/2" X 66 1/2".

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finished size:
15" X 18" X 4"

skill level:
only friends of
fur-balls need apply,
but anyone can do
this...

piecing instructions:

Use a 1/2" seam allowance for all seams, sizes have been adjusted for the larger seam allowance.

- With needle and thread, whipstitch the foam rectangles together to create a 6" thick foam pad.
- Sew the red 10" X 8" rectangle to the brown 10" X 13" rectangle along the 10" side. Add the ivory 7" X 19" rectangle to the top of this piece.
- Sew the (2) 6" X 16" rectangles to both ends of the patchwork pieced top; then add the 16" by 19" brown rectangle so that you have the top, side, bottom and opposite side sewn together.
- Sew the 6" X 19" rectangle to the top, bottom and both sides.
- Fold the (2) 8" X 16" rectangles in half along the long side, right side out so that they are now 4" X 16". Find the center and add the hook tape to one piece and the loop tape to the other piece. Sew the folded rectangle to the remaining ends of the bed so that they overlap and the hook and loop tape align. This will create an envelope enclosure for the bed.

- Turn the bed right side out and stuff with the foam. Use the hook and loop to close the opening for a snug fit.

Optional filling:

Sew the pet bed as shown above, but instead of using foam, create an insert with the muslin by sewing the 4 1/2" strip to all four sides of the top



and bottom rectangle, leaving an opening for turning. Fill with cedar chips; hand stitch the opening closed and stuff into the pet bed. ✨

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