

Padding for Cat Carriers

When we send our cats home in a cardboard carriers, we like give them something soft for padding. Donated hand towels and blankets are the most frequent items used. Homemade “blankets” can be knit, crocheted, any cloth that is cut/sewn so it doesn’t have raveled edges, or the no sew beds (see below.)

The interior dimensions of our carriers is 17 ½ inches by 8 ½ inches.

If you have any questions, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@jointanimalservices.org or 360-352-2510, x1009. **Thank you!**

No-Sew Fleece Cat Bed from Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control



Supplies Needed:

Scissors: sharp sewing or craft scissors to cut the fleece

Ruler: even a little 6-inch ruler is fine to mark the "cut-to" line on the fleece.

Tape: narrow, light-adhesive tape works well. Use inexpensive tape that doesn't have much stick, so you can easily remove it when you've finished tying the no-sew blanket.

Fabric: you'll need two pieces of fleece the same size to make each no-sew blanket. Kitties don't care about the colors or prints, although animal prints

look really cute! You can use two different colors or prints, or even the same fabric for the front and the back. Fleece usually comes in 60-inch wide rolls.

Instructions:

Begin by laying out your two fabric pieces on a table or clean floor. The bottom piece should have the “good” side facing down, while the top piece should have the “good” side facing up. (The two “wrong” sides will be against each other in the middle.)



Stick a piece of masking tape 4 inches in from each edge of the blanket. This will be your “cut-to” line. Each corner will end up with a square where the tape crosses. Cut that square out (through BOTH layers of fleece) and discard it. *(Or save the squares and use them for kitty catnip toys. Fill the squares with cotton and catnip and sew shut.)*

Now, with the no-sew blanket still laying out flat, start cutting the fringe around the edges. Cuts should be 1 inch wide and cut up to the tape line. You don't have to be exact! No stress, just be as consistent as you can. Cut all the way around all four sides of your no-sew blanket. (Be sure that both the top and bottom pieces of polar fleece remain even while cutting your fringe, so that the fringe on both pieces matches up when you are finished cutting.)

Next, starting at one corner of the no-sew blanket, gently lift the first set of fringe (you should be holding one of each color.) Tie them together in a simple double knot. Once you have all the tying completed on your no-sew blanket, peel the tape guide-lines off of the fleece.

(While some versions of this blanket have batting or catnip in the middle, we don’t do this as the batting can get lumpy after repeated washing and the catnip can really annoy some cats.)