



DIY Cat Projects

Huggy Bed

This is a fun, simple project that your cat will love now that the weather is getting cool. These beds are made from recycled sweaters and can create a favorite snug and warm perch anywhere. No craft/sewing experience required, anyone can make a Huggy Bed.

Instructions

1. Find a **natural fiber sweater**—large men's crew neck styles work well and makes a nice large bed, but you can adapt the pattern for other styles or make different size beds.
2. Felt the sweater by washing and drying to shrink the fibers. This works when the sweater is mostly wool or other natural animal fiber (cashmere, angora, alpaca). You can use a sweater that is made from synthetic fiber but it will not be as warm, thick and durable. The Huggy Bed can be washed, large beds are best washed in front load machines.



3. Using **yarn** and a large **darning needle**, stitch across the chest of the sweater to create an upper and lower compartments. Any simple stitch will work to make a seam from the bottom of the arm holes.
4. Using the open neck, fill the upper portion including the sleeves with **Polyester Fiberfill**. You can adjust the density of the filling to suit your cat this will be the bolster around the bed.
5. Stitch closed the neck of the sweater.

6. Stitch sleeves together to form the sides of the bed.
7. Stuff the lower portion of the sweater to form the bottom of the bed. You can adjust the amount of padding to please your cat.
8. Stitch the bottom of the sweater to closed it and attached the bottom to the sleeves sides.
9. You might not get all your seams done before your cat moves in to test the Huggy Bed.



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