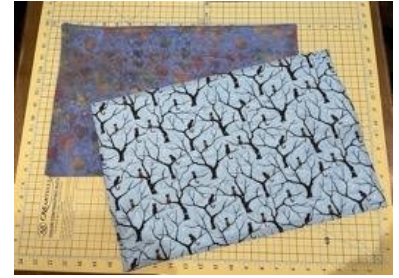


Cat Cage Comforters - Instructions

Humane Animal Partners is interested in small quilts for their shelter cats in their three locations (Wilmington, Stanton, and Rehoboth Beach, DE). The quilts are 'Cage Comforters', intended to make the cage a little more comfortable as well as allow the potential adopters to see the animals more easily as part of their homes and lives. The quilt can then go home with the cat in the cat carrier.



These are approximately 12" x 18" finished. You could go as large as 14" x 20" and still fit the cages. They essentially will take the place of newspaper in one section of the cat 'condo' cage. It is not meant to be a stuffed bed, there is already one of those in each cage.

To make:

1. Cut two 13" x 19" pieces of cotton fabric for the front and back, and a piece of batting the same size. We recommend not using fabric with colors that might bleed in warm to hot temperatures in shelter washing.
2. Layer all three together, with the two fabric pieces right side together and a piece of batting on the bottom. Sew with a 1/2" seam around all sides, leaving a 4" opening on one side to turn right side out. Turn out so that the right side of fabric is facing out, with the batting inside. Push out the corners with a chopstick or your favorite tool; then press the 'quilt', folding in the opening along the 1/2" folded seam.
3. Secure by sewing along the edges, catching the pressed opening as well. I used a blanket stitch all the way around and it left a nice finish.
4. Then quilt to your liking, so that the batting does not bunch up when washed.

For another quilt as you go method to make these, watch Brita Nelson on YouTube make a placemat of the same size with scrappy strips. ([Link to Brita's Quilt as You Go Placemat](#)). You can subscribe to her newsletter to access her pattern on her website [here](#).

Here is a picture of one I made using her technique:



This is a great way to de-stash some of your fabric, maybe a block you started and abandoned, a fat quarter you wonder why you bought and smaller batting pieces that you are

not planning to use. Feel free to have this request help you in your quilting supplies reorganization! This is not a one-time request, given the cage comforters can go home with adopted animals, so we will continue to collect them at meetings. Thanks for helping to have more cats adoptable!

Labels for this project are below and are available at the guild meetings:

