

AUNTIES TWO PATTERNS CAT BED

Sample in CRAFTY CATS fabric
by Hoffman California Fabrics



Cats will love to curl up in this soft and colorful Cat Bed.
Made with Hoffman's Crafty Cats line of fabrics and
Bosal's Cat Bed foam form. Cat Bed Measures 19" wide and 6" tall

Fabric Requirements (fabrics used in sample)

1 yard	OUTSIDE SIDES (Crazy Cats #5714 763-Radiant)
1 yard	INSIDE SIDES and RIM (Crazy Cats #5715 734 Rainbow Sweets)
1 yard	SOFT PILLOW insert (Crazy Cats #5716 767 Loving Rainbow)
2 $\frac{1}{4}$ yards	Coordinating fabric - OUTSIDE BOTTOM, SIDE LINING (Outside, RIM and Inside), INSIDE BOTTOM, SOFT PILLOW binding

OTHER

Bosal's Cat Bed Foam Form (Item # CB1)
Bosal's Double-Sided Fusible Batting (Item #3252) - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards
Alternately use cotton batting and basting spray
High Loft (2") Upholstery Batting 20" Square
20" of cording (satin or twine) to gather the top of inside bottom

CAT BED

Overview:

The cat bed cover is constructed as a big bag with a round bottom (easy to remove and wash!).

Inside Bottom (top red section)

is single layer of fabric (except at the top where there is a channel for the gathering cord). It will be gathered and placed on the inside bottom of the form.

Sides and Rim uses two fabrics as shown here (great for directional prints).

inside sides and rim

outside sides

Outside Bottom (not shown) is a large round bottom also made with two layers of fabric and batting sandwiched in between.

Once sewn, place Bosal's Cat Bed foam form inside the bag.



Gather the top of the bag. Lay it on the inside bottom of the Cat Bed form. Working from the bottom up, smooth the outsides, rim and inside sides so they lay as flat as possible on the form.

Soft Pillow - a large round pillow made with two layers of fabric and high loft or upholstery batting sandwiched in between.

Make the separate soft round pillow and place inside the bed. When it needs to be washed, remove the pillow, un-gather the top of the big round bag, remove the foam form from the bag. Wash both the pillow and the bag.



CUTTING & SEWING DIRECTIONS

Sew with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam throughout unless otherwise noted.

The seams are not finished on the inside. If desired, zigzag stitch edges to finish.

OUTSIDE BOTTOM

Cut two 22" squares of fabric and one 22" square of batting. Sandwich the batting between the two layers of fabric (right sides out). Quilt, fuse or spray baste fabric to the batting on both sides. Using a large protractor or Creative Grids Quick Trim and Circle Ruler, draw and cut out a 20" circle.

OUTSIDE SIDES: Cut two strips 7" wide x WOF (width of fabric - generally 42/44" long). Sew them together end to end to make one long strip (make sure they are both right side up!). From this long strip cut 1 strip 7" x 62".

INSIDE SIDES & RIM: Cut two strips 9" wide x WOF. Sew them together end to end to make one long strip (make sure they are both right side up!). From this long strip cut 1 strip 9" x 62".

With right sides together, sew the **top** edge of the OUTSIDE SIDES to **top** edge of the INSIDE SIDES & RIM, using a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam. This piece should measure 15" x 62". With the top edges of these two matching and sewn together, it will cause the OUTSIDE SIDES and the INSIDE SIDES & RIM to be RIGHT SIDE UP when the cat bed is completed.

LINING: Cut two strips 15" wide x WOF. Sew them together end to end to make one long strip. From this long strip cut 1 strip 15" x 62".

BATTING: Cut two strips of batting 15" x 45". Use batting seam tape to tape pieces of batting together on two 15" edges. Trim to 15" x 62". Sandwich this batting between the pieced SIDES AND RIM and the LINING, right sides of the fabrics facing out. Quilt, fuse or spray baste fabric to batting on both sides. Trim to 15" x 61", trimming equally from both edges. This sandwich is now called the SIDES.

INSIDE BOTTOM

Cut two strips 12" wide x WOF. Sew them together end to end to make one long strip. From this long strip, cut 1 strip 12" x 61".

ATTACHING THE SIDES TO THE INSIDE BOTTOM

Match the 61" raw edge of the SIDES to one 61" edge of the INSIDE BOTTOM, right sides together. Sew together with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam. Match the short ends of this entire piece, right sides together. Sew together with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam making a tube. Slide the foam form into the tube. Make sure it fits snugly around the form. If it doesn't, re-stitch the last seam a little wider. Fit a second time to make sure it fits snugly. Remove the foam form.

CREATE A CHANNEL TO GATHER THE INSIDE BOTTOM

Fold the raw edge of the INSIDE BOTTOM in to the wrong side $\frac{1}{2}$ " all the way around and iron. Fold it again $2\frac{1}{2}$ " in again all the way around. Iron. Sew all the way around $2\frac{1}{2}$ " in from the edge on or near the fold. Stitch all the way around one more time $\frac{1}{2}$ " away from the first seam creating a channel.

Open the stitching in the side seam between the two stitching lines. Feed a 20" length of cording through the channel with a safety pin. Tie each end of the cord in a knot so it won't slip back into the channel.

The OUTSIDE SIDES, RIM, INSIDE SIDES and INSIDE BOTTOM are now all connected and form a tube. The pattern will refer to this tube as the BAG BODY from now on.

SEW THE OUTSIDE BOTTOM TO THE BAG BODY

Fold the OUTSIDE BOTTOM in half, then in quarters. On the raw edge, place a pin at each fold. There should be a pin every quarter point all the way around the raw edge of the circle.

Fold the BAG BODY tube in half, wrong sides out, matching the bottom raw edges. Pin at the folds on the raw edge. Unfold, then fold again, matching the pins this time. Pin at the folds again. There should be a pin every quarter all the way around the raw edge of the tube.

With right sides together, match and pin the OUTSIDE BOTTOM to the BAG BODY at the pins. Next, pin in between the pins every inch. With the OUTSIDE BOTTOM on top, stitch the OUTSIDE BOTTOM to the BAG BODY with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam. Turn right sides out.

INSERT THE FORM AND GATHER THE INSIDE BOTTOM

Insert the foam form into the bag. Push it all the way to the bottom. It should fit snugly. Pull on the satin cord to gather the inside bottom. Tie ends in a knot or bow. Lay the gathered top down so it lays on the inside bottom of the form. Move it around a bit so it lies as flat as possible on the bottom. Loosen the cord, if necessary. Smooth the outsides and rim so they lay flat on the form. The inside sides will be gathered a bit.

SOFT PILLOW

Cut two 20" squares of fabric and one 20" square of high loft or upholstery batting. Sandwich the batting between the two layers of fabric (right sides out). Quilt lightly or spray baste fabric to both sides of the batting. Keep this pillow very puffy. Using a large protractor or Creative Grids Quick Trim and Circle Ruler, draw a 17" circle on the right side of one fabric square. Stitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " inside the line all the way around. Cut the circular pillow out on the line. Cut through all layers.

For the binding, cut 2 strips $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide x WOF. Stitch together on the short ends to make one long strip. Fold this strip in half, lengthwise, right sides out and iron. Sew the binding to the edge of the circle with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Flip the folded edge of the binding to the other side and top stitch the binding close to the folded edge. Place the pillow inside the cat bed.

Some critter will find it!!!
Mickey likes it!!

