

# BAMQG Cat Bed Tutorial

## Materials:

- 1/2 yard of fabric for the first side
- 1/2 yard of fabric for the second side
- 6 inches wide by WOF for the wall
- LOTS of scraps of fabric, or 12 oz. of Polyester Filling
- Newspaper or other paper to make your pattern out of

## Step 1, Making the PAPER pattern:

- Cut a rectangle out of paper that measures 20 x 16 inches.
- Fold the rectangle in half, and then fold it again in half the opposite way, so that all of the corners are in one place.
- Then take your scissors and round the corners. When unfolding it, you should have an even rounded pet bed pattern.

## Step 2, Cutting the base and top from the fabric:

- Pin this pattern to both the top and bottom fabric pieces, and cut them out. The top and bottom pieces can match, or can be different fabrics, depending on what you have on hand.

## Step 3, Cutting the Wall:

- Now cut a long piece of fabric for the walls that is 6 inches wide by 65 inches long. You will probably have to cut two 6" pieces and sew them together to make the strip long enough (particularly if working with 44" cotton fabrics – if working with fleece fabrics, one strip should be enough).
- **Next step:** Hem ONE end of the 65" strip, approximately 1/2" hem (fold 1/4 inch, then fold 1/4 inch again and sew). This will be the side that stays outside, with OTHER unfinished side of the wall being buried within itself. It will make sense later if it doesn't now, I promise! ☺

## Step 4, Pinning & Sewing the Wall to ONE base:

- Put one of your round pieces (a base) down with the right side facing up. Put the right side of the wall facing the right side of the round piece (so right sides together). Start pinning first at the HEMMED end, making sure that the hemmed end is flush against the bed's base piece. You will finish with the unhemmed end overlapping on TOP of the hemmed end. Pin all the way around to the bed's base.
- Again, the UNhemmed end should overlap onto the hemmed end. This overlap will allow for a nice tucking and finishing to the "stuffing" hole of the bed.
- Now sew the wall to one base of the bed, either using a triple stitch on your machine, or sewing around the base twice. These beds will be washed a lot at the shelters, so they need the extra sewing.

## Step 6, Pinning & Sewing the Wall to the SECOND base:

- Put your second bed base piece down with the right side facing up. Place the wall/1<sup>st</sup> base piece (now sewn together) on top, with the right sides facing the right sides of the 2<sup>nd</sup> base piece. (It's a little awkward at first, but it works out.) Again, start pinning the wall to the 2<sup>nd</sup> base piece at the HEMMED

end first, making sure that the hemmed end is flush against the bed's base piece. You will finish with the unhemmed end overlapping on TOP of the hemmed end. Pin all the way around to the bed's base.

- Now sew the wall to the second base of the bed, either using a triple stitch on your machine, or sewing around the base twice.

### **Step 7, Flipping the whole bed inside out:**

- You should have an approximately 5.5" vertical hole in the wall to pull the bed right-side out. You can now pull the bed through the opening. Ta-da! Side 1!

### **Step 8, The Stuffing:**

- You can bring it to a quilt meeting and turn it into Amanda Materne, and she will stuff it. Or you can stuff it yourself with scraps or polyfil until it is  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way full, still with a little room to give and be cushy when kitty sits on it. Then, hand-sew the opening shut.

### **Step 9, The Celebrating:**

- Pat yourself on the back! You have just finished making a bed for a homeless kitty. Thank you so much! The kitties will be so happy!