

## Pet Bed Guidelines

We want the beds to be soft and comfy for the animals.

Please keep in mind the following guidelines when making your pet bed:

- Be sure there are no pins, needles, paper, hard or stiff objects/textiles.
- Beds should be stuffed with true scraps-use pieces less than 3" wide, any length is ok, batting and fleece pieces can be a little bigger.
- Please don't put in large pieces of fabric, save those for the next guild collection for resale or make a donation to other Community Projects.
- If you are making a T-shirt quilt, please do not put in your cut up T-shirts unless you cut them into smaller pieces as described above.
- Don't put in old clothes, sheets, curtains, etc., unless they are soft and cut up into very small pieces. Shirt collars and cuffs are too stiff.
- Be sure you have stuffed the bed sufficiently. If you hold it up and it is less than 90% full, you need to add more. Make sure it is not lumpy.
- Try to use a mixture of fleece, batting, and fabric scraps when possible. A bed with all fabric scraps can get very heavy.
- Beds need to be a MINIMUM of 24" x 24" (up to 36"x 40"). Pillows from your bed are too small! Do NOT use a standard or king size pillow for a pet bed unless you put 2 together.
- All beds should have a soft cover, not just muslin or an old pillow case. If you need fabric for a case you can pick it up at any meeting.
- Please do NOT leave any scrap bags in the hallway at Guild.
- Please make sure the bed is SEWN CLOSED before dropping them off.

Every pet bed made keeps a little more fabric out of the landfill for a second life. If you have not made one yet, think about how you can help out a pet, as well as recycle/reuse to reduce waste.

Thank you so much for your contributions!