

PET MATS

It's recommended that you check with the animal shelter ahead of time to see what size they prefer and whether they want cat or dog mats.

This pattern is for a finished size of 12" x 20" suitable for cat mats. For a different size, add one inch to the desired finished dimensions.

Wash and machine dry fabrics before cutting to pre-shrink and remove chemicals.

Materials:

2 pieces of fabric, one for the top and one for the bottom, 13" x 21" each – One side cotton, the other side fleece or flannel. These two fabrics will be on the outside of the finished mat.

1 or 2 pieces of filler for the inside, depending on thickness. Could use regular batting, flannel, fleece, toweling, or similar material, 13"x 21".

Note: Cat mats can be made with regular 100% cotton. Dog mats would hold up better if made from a heavier fabric like denim or home décor fabric.

Sewing Instructions:

With the top and bottom pieces right sides together and the batting on the bottom, pin all layers together.

Stitch around the mat with a ½" seam, leaving about a 4" opening in the center of one of the long sides, for turning. Backstitch at the beginning and the end of your row of stitching.

Check to make sure you caught both the top and bottom layers in your stitching. (It's ok if the filler isn't caught all the way around.)

Clip corners near the row of stitching, without cutting the stitching. This will help your corners look sharp.

Reach in between the top and bottom layers and turn right side out.

Poke out the corners. A chopstick works well or just use your fingers.

Fold in and press the unsewn edges at the opening you used for turning.

Close the opening by stitching near the folded edge. A straight stitch or zigzag stitch would be good here.

Go inward two inches and stitch around the mat. This will make the sides go up a little...that the kittens love...and stitch an X across the center. This will keep the batting in place.

Clip any loose threads and admire your work!