How to Make Fleece Cat Mats for the APF Kitties

“Because every cat, whether small or fat, deserves to have a comfy mat.”
~ AMELIA, ADOPTED 2010

No-Sew Method

Materials: 1 yard of fleece fabric (makes 2)

Directions:

Step 1: Cut 1 yard of fabric into 4 equal rectangles. An easy way to do this is to fold the fabric in half and cut apart and then take each of those 2 pieces, fold them and cut them into half.

Step 2: Cut a 2-1/2 inch square from each corner (Photo 1). Discard the small squares.

Step 3: Cut 2-1/2 inch strips every 1/2 inch along the edge of the fabric. Continue to cut fringe every 1/2 inch along each of the four edges (Photo 2).

Step 4: To finish off the mat, put 2 pieces of fringed fabric together and smooth flat. Take a piece of fringe from each of the 2 pieces of fabric and tie a knot. Continue all around (Photo 3).

Sewing Method

Materials: 1 yard of fleece fabric (makes 2), pins, needle and thread

Directions:

Step 1: Cut 1 yard of fabric into 4 equal rectangles. An easy way to do this is to fold the fabric in half and cut apart and then take each of those 2 pieces, fold them and cut them into half.

Step 2: Place 2 pieces of fabric together and smooth flat. Pin the pieces right side together to hold. With a needle and thread, sew all around the diameter, leaving a 5 inch opening. Remember to remove all the pins. Turn the material inside out and slip stitch the opening shut.

After you finish your mats, drop them off at the APF and come visit the kitties!

TIP: Watch out for sales of fleece at fabric stores like the Jo-Ann Shop. Also remnant bins are great places to find bargains, the kitties don’t care what color or pattern the mats are!

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