

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING MRFRS CAT BEDS

(starring Molly!)

### MATERIALS

- fleece fabric in multiples of 2 yards (i.e., 2 yds, 4 yds, 6 yds, etc.; 2 yards makes 3 cat beds)
- sharp scissors (ideally fabric shears)

### NOTES

- “selvedges” = edge of woven fabric finished in such a way as to prevent unraveling (usually has words printed on it)

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1. Lay your fabric out on a good cutting surface (table or counter). Note that the fabric comes off the bolt folded in half length-wise. Leave it folded!



2. Fold a two-yard piece of fleece into thirds. Don't worry about being exact – it doesn't have to be perfect! Then cut along the folds.



3. When you finish cutting, you should have three double pieces of fleece (with a fold still at the top, opposite the selvages).



4. Next, cut along the fold opposite the selvages (but don't pull the two layers of fleece apart!).



5. Trim the edges so they are fairly straight, if needed. (Again, don't be too fussy – they don't need to be perfect!)



6. Trim off the selvages. Make sure to get beyond any irregularities in the fabric on *both* sides/layers, but again, don't worry about perfect straightness!



7. You should now have a rectangle consisting of two layers of fleece with fairly straight edges.



8. Now for the corners! Make two cuts about 4 inches long on either side of the corner point as shown below to make a strip about  $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide.



9. Now cut out triangular pieces of fabric on either side of the strip. It's OK if you have to cut the strip in a little longer to make this work.



10. Now pull the layers of the strip apart and tie them together in a double knot. Make sure to tie them snugly!



11. Follow steps 8, 9, and 10 for all the corners. This is what you should end up with:



12. Now start cutting in the fringe.



13. Your pieces should be between  $\frac{1}{2}$ " and  $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide and 3-4 inches long. You may have to start shorter near the corners and go deeper as you get towards the middle; this is fine! Don't worry about being exact or the edges matching up perfectly, or if all the pieces are the same – it's OK if they're not!



14. Keep cutting! You can either do one side at a time and then tie, or cut the whole bed & then tie it – up to you!



15. Now start tying the fringe in double knots like you did with the corner piece (step 10). Remember to tug firmly on each double knot.



16. You will probably have some assistance at various points in this process!



17. Keep tying, and you'll end up with the finished product!

