

# Calling all crafters!

COMFORT A SHELTER ANIMAL!



*Me & my shelter dog, Bobby*

Cage Comforters provide shelter animals with some much-needed comfort in their cages and offer a sense of continuity when they go to their new homes.

Please join other animal-loving crafters and make a Cage Comforter for an animal in need. We'll donate all comforters received to Animal Care and Control of New York City and put pictures of the cutest ones on our website.

*Anastasia*

— Anastasia Bosakowski-Chater, Editor

## CAGE COMFORTER SPECIFICATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS:

Comforters can be made from any type of new\* material except looped fabric like chenille or terry cloth that might get snagged in the animal's nails. They should be a finished size of 12" x 18". The comforters can be stuffed with various types of material, but polyester batting works best because it dries quicker after laundering. The batting should be at least ½" thick.

\*Please note: To prevent bed bug infestation, all-new materials must be used.

## MATERIALS

Polyester batting · Thread · Cotton or other suitable fabric measuring 13" x 38" · Scissors or rotary cutter and board  
Appliqués, if desired

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut out the batting into 5 pieces, 17½" x 12" each.
2. Stack the pieces of batting and tack them down in the corners and the center.
3. Cut the material to the right size—13" x 38"—allowing an extra inch around for seams.
4. Fold it in half with wrong side facing out so that it now measures 13" x 19". This saves you from having to sew around all four sides. Note: If you would like to sew on an appliquéd design, do so before moving on to step 5. Be sure to keep your
5. stitches and appliqués flat to avoid having them get snagged by the animal's nails.
5. Sew down each long side.
6. Turn material right side out.
7. Stuff with batting.
8. Sew across the bottom edge.
9. To finish, tack down in each corner and once in the middle so that the stuffing doesn't shift during laundering.



PLEASE SEND YOUR DONATED CAGE COMFORTERS BY 6/30/10 TO:

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