

Beir Hugger Blanket

What is this? It is a warming air bag blanket used to keep the patient warm while recovering from surgery. The warm air is blown into the opening left in the top. There will be 1 layer of fabric on the top and 3 layers on the bottom.

Details:

Cost: A few dollars

Time: 2 hours or so

Skill Level: Basic sewing knowledge

Finished size: Large: 40" x 30" (approximate) Small: 30" x 20" (pillow case size)

Materials:

- Fabric (44" or wider) Sheets are the preferred fabric (fitted sheets can be used too, just trim off the elastic edges) Pre-washed light cotton will work also note: Flannel does not work
- Scissors, Sewing machine, Tape measure, Serger (optional), needles (caution: sheets will dull your needle so be prepared to change it often) -a denim size needle (100/16) works well.
- Permanent marker or dymo machine/fabric tape

Directions:

General: Use 1/2" seams

1. Cut 2 pieces of fabric 42" wide by 62" long (for large) -this is an approximate size. If you use sheets, it will depend on the sheet size used. Cut the sheet in 1/2. Cut 2 pieces of fabric 32" x 22" (for small). If you have 2 pillowcases, no need to cut.
2. Fold one piece of fabric, wrong sides together (right side out). This will be the extra bottom layers. Skip this step if using pre-constructed pillow cases.
3. Attach the folded piece of fabric to the right side of the outer layer. Large: Sew along the top long side (opposite of the fold of the extra bottom layers (step 2)). Small: Sew along the short side. (optional) Serge the top seam.



SIZE CHART

	Flat Sheet	Fitted Sheet	Pillow Case
TWIN:	66" x 96"	39" x 75"	20" x 30"
FULL:	81" x 96"	54" x 75"	20" x 30"
QUEEN:	90" x 102"	60" x 80"	20" x 30"
KING:	102" x 105"	78" x 80"	20" x 40"
CAL KING:	108" x 102"	72" x 84"	20" x 40"



4. Flip the top long side (wrong side of top outer layer will be facing the extra bottom layers). Press.
5. Zigzag the bottom of the folded bottom layers to the middle of the outer layer (wrong side).
6. On left side, fold the bottom long side 1/4" twice (or 1/2" if edge is serged) for 6" length. Stitch down. Press.
7. (Optional) Attach dymo label near opening on top left "THIS SIDE UP" to indicate the top, single layer and the opening. Stitch the label down.
8. With right sides of the outer fabric together, stitch all 4 layers of the side seams (serge to reinforce, if available).
9. Stitch the top, leaving the 6" opening on the left side.
10. Turn the blanket through the opening.
11. Give it a final press.
12. If you haven't attached a label (step 7), using a permanent marker, write (in large letters) "THIS SIDE UP" and indicate the opening with an arrow on the top, single layer side of the blanket.



Dog Kennel Curtains

Cost: Couple bucks

Time: 1 hour

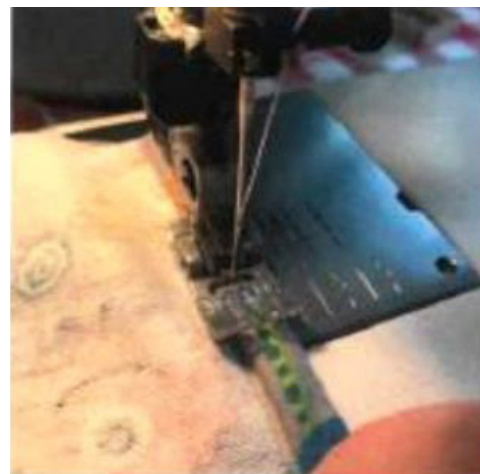
Skill level: Basic sewing knowledge

Materials

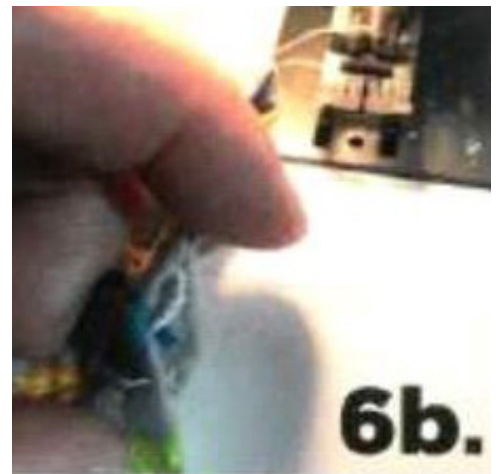
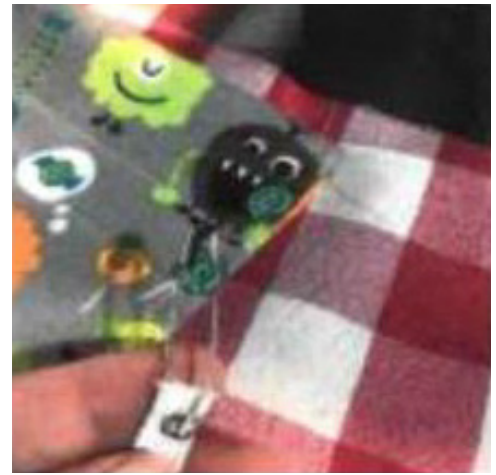
- Fabric (44" or wider): cotton is easy to work with but any material will work (second hand sheets, old dresses, mumus, etc.)
- 1 1/4" flat elastic -25"
- 1/4" flat elastic -12"
- Two buttons (3/4" to 1" work well)
- Scissors, Sewing machine, Tape measure

Partial Cage door cover directions:

1. Cut fabric (44" wide by) 50" long.
2. Hem all raw edges. For each single curtain, fold under the edges of the fabric 1/4" then again 1/4" so no raw edges can be seen along interior edge of fold. Alternatively, serge the raw edges, then fold the fabric 1/4" then again 1/4".
3. Create a sleeve for the elastic by folding over the top edge (one of the 44" sides) 2" Sew a line of stitching at the edge of the material (away from the fold). Sew a second line of stitching 1 1/2" away from the first. This will be the sleeve for the elastic.
4. Cut the elastic. Use 1 1/4" flat elastic. Cut a piece 25" long.
5. Pull the elastic through the 2" sleeve made in the top of the curtailment. Use large safety pin to attach and then work the elastic through the sleeve. (Note: Be careful not to pull elastic completely through the sleeve. When the opposite end of the elastic piece nears the edge of the curtailment, sew it in place -see step 6 -then continue to work the elastic to the opposite edge.)



6. Sew the elastic in place. At $\sim 3/4$ " (pic 6a) inwards from the edge sew up and down over the elastic held inside the sleeve (go over it a few times so it will not pull loose.) You will leave a little pocket at the edge for later (pic 6b). Do this for both sleeve ends.
7. Cut elastic. Cut $1/4$ " elastic to two 6" lengths. Then:
 - Fold in half
 - Slip the ends of elastic into the pocket made in step 6.
8. Sew elastic in place. Sew over the open edge of the pocket making sure to catch both sides of the material along with the elastic.
9. Button time! On the front side of the curtain, sew a button to each end of the 2" sleeve - $1 1/2$ " in from the edge.



Dog Treat Dispenser

Materials:

- One 2-inch PVC cap.
- One 2-inch threaded cap.
- One 3/4-inch drill bit.
- One 2-inch PVC pipe cut to a length of 12 inches.
- One 1/2-inch drill bit.

Instructions:

1. Use the 1/2-inch drill bit to make pilot holes.
2. Then, use the 3/4-inch drill bit to drill holes along the outside of your pipe.
3. Fit the cap onto one end of the pipe.



No-Sew Sock Toys

These 4 DIY dog toys are made from socks. All these projects require a long sock. Please use only clean, gently used, colored (not white) socks for these toys.

Method 1:

1. Tie a knot at one end of the sock.
2. Leave an inch between each knot and continue tying knots until you reach the end.

Method 2:

1. Tie a knot at the toe end of the sock and insert a tennis ball.
2. Work your way up the sock tying knots, leaving 1 to 2 inches between each knot.
3. Tie both ends together to create a circle.

Method 3:

1. Tie one or two knots at the toe end of a sock, depending on the sock's length.
2. Insert a clean and empty water bottle, with the cap removed, into the sock.
3. Tie a knot on the other end of the sock to secure the water bottle in place.

Method 4:

1. Stuff 3/4 of the sock with cotton balls and hide the squeaker in the middle.
2. Tie a knot in the sock right above the stuffing.
3. Leave about one inch between each knot and continue tying knots until the end.



Octopus Dog Toy

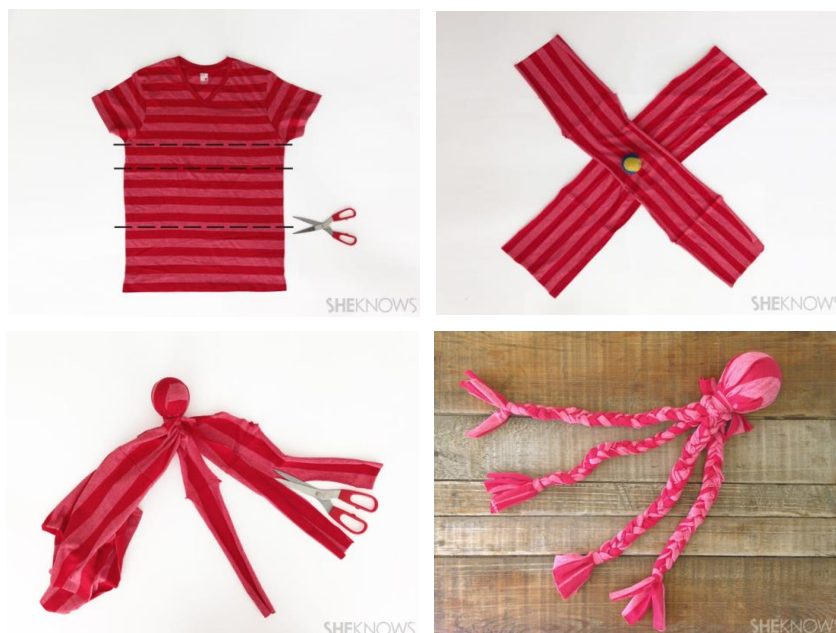
Materials:

- Scissors
- T-shirt or half a yard of fabric
- Tennis ball

Instructions:

1. To start, lay your T-shirt flat on a surface and mark off two pieces approximately 5-6 inches wide and a thinner strip about 2 inches wide. Cut along the markings to create three tube-like pieces and an extra piece from the top.
2. Cut each tube piece along one seam into long straps.
3. Use the extra fabric from the top of the shirt to wrap the tennis ball. Then, place the two wide fabric strips in the shape of an "X" and put the ball in the center.
4. Wrap the ball with all the layers and gather the strips at the bottom. Take the thin strip and tie a tight double knot to secure the fabric-wrapped ball. Now, you should have four wide strips hanging from the base of your ball.
5. Cut each of the four strips into three sections. You will end up with a total of 12 sections.
6. Braid the three newly cut strips and knot them at the bottom. Repeat until you have four braids in total.

Note: The braids must be tight. Loose braids pose a safety risk to dogs and may render the toy unusable.



Curtailment - Large

Cost: Couple bucks

Time: 30 minutes

Skill level: Basic sewing knowledge

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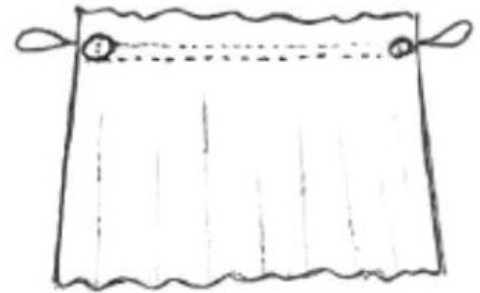
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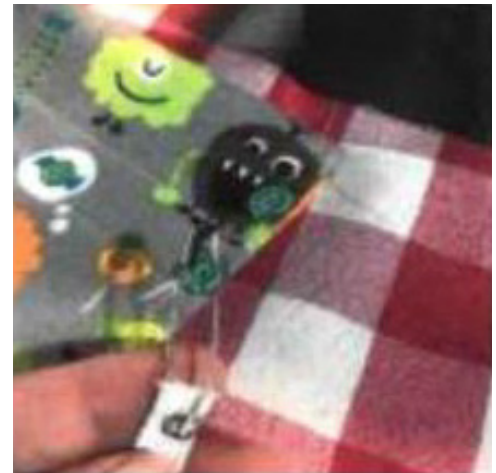
- Fabric (36" or wider): cotton is easy to work with but any material will work (second hand sheets, old dresses, mumus, etc.)
- 1" or 1 1/4" flat elastic (either will work) - 16"
- 1/4" flat elastic - 18"
- Two buttons (3/4" to 1" work well)
- Scissors, Sewing machine, Tape measure

Partial Cage door cover directions:

1. Cut fabric 36" wide by 32" long.
2. Hem all raw edges. For each single curtain, fold under the edges of the fabric 1/4" then again 1/4" so no raw edges can be seen along interior edge of fold. Alternatively, serge the raw edges, then fold the fabric 1/4" then again 1/4".
3. Create a sleeve for the elastic by folding over the top edge (one of the 36" sides) 3/8" wider than the width of your elastic (ie, 1" elastic, casing 1 3/8" wide). Sew a line of stitching at the edge of the material (away from the fold). This will be the sleeve for the elastic.



4. Cut the elastic. Use 1" or 1 1/4" flat elastic. Cut a piece 16" long.
5. Pull the elastic through the sleeve made in the top of the curtailment. Use large safety pin to attach and then work the elastic through the sleeve. (Note: Be careful not to pull elastic completely through the sleeve. When the opposite end of the elastic piece nears the edge of the curtailment, sew it in place - see step 6 - then continue to work the elastic to the opposite edge.)
6. Sew the elastic in place. At ~1/2 - 3/4" (pic 6a) inwards from the edge sew up and down over the elastic held inside the sleeve (go over it a few times so it will not pull loose.) You will leave a little pocket at the edge for later (pic 6b). Do this for both sleeve ends.
7. Cut elastic. Cut 1/4" elastic to two 9" lengths. Then:
 - Fold elastic in half.
 - Slip the two ends of elastic into the pocket (placing fold outside of the curtain) made in step 6.
8. Sew elastic in place. Sew over the open edge of the pocket making sure to catch both sides of the material along with the elastic.
9. Button time! On the front side of the curtain, sew a button to each end of the 1/2" sleeve - slightly inside the hemmed edge.



Curtailment - Small

Cost: Couple bucks

Time: 30 minutes

Skill level: Basic sewing knowledge

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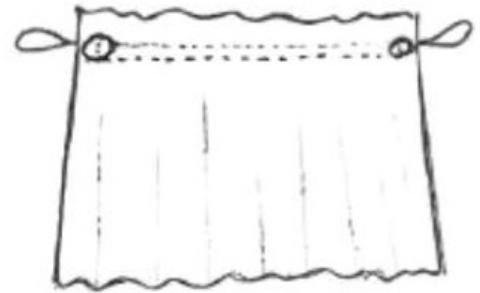
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Materials

- Fabric (18" x 22"): cotton is easy to work with but any material will work (second hand sheets, old dresses, mumus, etc.). Note: a fat quarter is the perfect size
- 3/4" or 1" flat elastic (either will work) -10"
- 1/4" flat elastic -14"
- Two buttons (3/4" to 1" work well)
- Scissors, Sewing machine, Tape measure

Partial Cage door cover directions:

1. Cut fabric 18" wide by 22" long.
2. Hem. Hem all raw edges. For each single curtain, fold under the edges of the fabric 1/4" then again 1/4" so no raw edges can be seen along interior edge of fold. Alternatively, serge the raw edges, then fold the fabric 1/4" then again 1/4".
3. Create a sleeve for the elastic by folding over the top edge (one of the 18" sides) 3/8" wider than the width of your elastic (ie, 1" elastic, casing 1 3/8" wide) Sew a line of stitching at the edge of the material (away from the fold). This will be the sleeve for the elastic.



4. Cut the elastic. Use 3/4" or 1" flat elastic. Cut a piece 10" long.
5. Pull the elastic through the sleeve made in the top of the curtailment. Use large safety pin to attach and then work the elastic through the sleeve. (Note: Be careful not to pull elastic completely through the sleeve. When the opposite end of the elastic piece nears the edge of the curtailment, sew it in place - see step 6 - then continue to work the elastic to the opposite edge.)
6. Sew the elastic in place. At ~1/2 - 3/4" (pic 6a) inwards from the edge sew up and down over the elastic held inside the sleeve (go over it a few times so it will not pull loose.) You will leave a little pocket at the edge for later (pic 6b). Do this for both sleeve ends.
7. Cut elastic. Cut 1/4" elastic to two 7" lengths. Then:
 - Fold elastic in half.
 - Slip the two ends of elastic into the pocket (placing fold outside of the curtain) made in step 6.
8. Sew elastic in place. Sew over the open edge of the pocket making sure to catch both sides of the material along with the elastic.
9. Button time! On the front side of the curtain, sew a button to each end of the 1/2" sleeve - slightly inside the hemmed edge.

