



## Dog Bed

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Stitch a cozy spot for Rover to rest in a combination of muted plaids and solid flannels.

### Materials

- 1yd/.9m plaid fabric (for top, side and bottom)
- 1/3yd/.29m contrast plaid fabric (top and appliqué)
- 1/3yd/.29m solid fabric (top)
- 1/2yd/.46m contrast solid fabric (top and piping)
- 21/4yds/2.1m of 1/4"/6mm cording
- polyester fiberfill
- 7" x 12"/17.8cm x 30cm piece of paper-backed fusible webbing
- 7" x 12"/17.8cm x 30cm piece of interfacing
- scissors
- sewing needle
- sewing machine
- matching thread
- ruler
- straight pins
- pressing cloth
- iron

### Directions

#### Cutting:

1. Photocopy patterns as indicated and cut out.
2. From plaid: Cut two 3" x 39"/7.6cm x 97.5cm sides, one 18" x 22"/45cm x 55cm bottom and two triangular pieces exactly the same-do not reverse pattern.
3. From contrast plaid: Cut two triangular pieces exactly the same-reverse pattern. Cut one 7" x 12"/17.8cm x 30cm piece of fabric for appliqué.
4. From solid fabric: Cut two triangular pieces exactly the same-do not reverse pattern.
5. From contrast solid fabric: Cut two triangular pieces exactly the same-reverse pattern. Cut four 1 1/2"/3.8cm-wide bias strips.

#### Making dog bed:

1. Stitch one plaid triangular piece to one solid piece to form rectangle. Repeat, using same solid and plaid.

2. Sew two more rectangles using remaining solid and plaid. Stitch four rectangles together as pictured, with solids in center.
3. Trace bone pattern onto paper side of fusible webbing. Place fusible side down on wrong side of plaid fabric and press, following manufacturer's instructions.
4. Cut out appliqué; remove paper backing and press on pieced top in center. Place remnant of interfacing behind fabric under appliqué.
5. Stitch through all layers using straight or zigzag stitch. Cut small opening in interfacing and stuff lightly. Stitch bias strips together; press seams open.
6. Fold bias over cording to cover; stitch next to cord using zipper foot. Stitch covered piping around top edge, overlapping at ends. Stitch two pieces together, cut for sides, to form a circle with a 3"/7.6cm diameter and a 76"/190cm circumference.
7. Fold into four equal sections and notch at top and bottom. Pin side to top over piping, matching notches on sides to points on top sections; stitch. Fold bottom in half lengthwise, notching both ends of fold. Fold in half widthwise, notching both ends of fold.
8. Pin side to bottom, matching notches on side to notches on bottom; stitch. Leave 4"/10.2cm opening to turn and stuff. Turn to right side; stuff with fiberfill.
9. Slipstitch opening closed.