



DIY PET BED PATTERN



MAKE A COZY OPEN BED OR A CLOSED CAVE BED
FOR YOUR PET!



YOU WILL NEED

- Outer fabric (woven, upholstery, canvas or denim)
- Inner fabric (soft & cozy fabric like fleece, plush or sherpa)
- Fusible fleece or batting (for extra structure and comfort)
- Matching thread
- Snap buttons (4-6 sets for closed bed)
- Drawstring cord (approx. 60 cm)
- Cord locks (2 pcs)
- Zipper foot (optional)
- Sewing machine
- Scissors, pins, fabric marker, ruler
- Fabric clips

SEAM ALLOWANCES

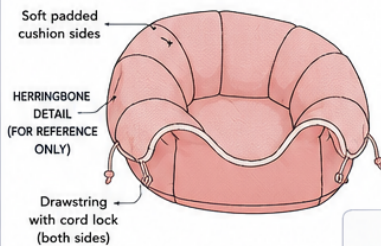
All seam allowances are included:
1 cm (3/8 in)

FABRIC SUGGESTION



Use durable, washable fabrics that are pet-friendly.

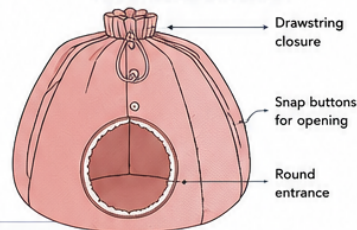
OPEN PET BED TECHNICAL DIAGRAM



EXCLUSIVE PATTERN (MODEL 45-8X-450N)



CLOSED PET BED TECHNICAL DIAGRAM



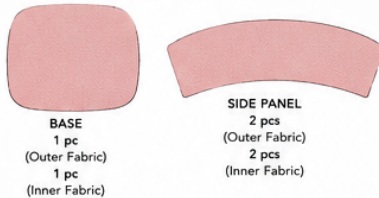
FINISHED DIMENSIONS (APPROX.)

OPEN PET BED
45 cm x 45 cm x 20 cm
(17.7 in x 17.7 in x 7.9 in)

CLOSED PET BED
45 cm x 45 cm x 40 cm
(17.7 in x 17.7 in x 15.7 in)

PATTERN PIECES (CUTTING GUIDE)

OPEN BED - CUT 4 PIECES



CLOSED BED - CUT AS SHOWN



IMPORTANT NOTES

- All pieces include 1 cm (3/8 in) seam allowance.
- For extra comfort, fuse batting to the outer fabric pieces.
- Pre-wash all fabrics before cutting.
- Adjust size by scaling pattern pieces as needed.

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

OPEN PET BED (COZY SOFA STYLE)

- 1. SEW SIDE PANELS**
 - Place side panels (outer fabric) right sides together.
 - Sew along the curved edge.
 - Repeat for inner fabric.
- 2. ATTACH SIDES TO BASE**
 - Pin outer side panel to outer base, matching centers.
 - Sew around the edge.
 - Repeat with inner fabric.
- 3. TURN & STUFF SIDES**
 - Turn the bed right side out.
 - Gently stuff the sides with batting or fleece for extra plushness (optional).



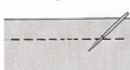
CLOSED PET BED (COZY CAVE STYLE)

- 1. SEW MAIN PANELS**
 - Pair main panels (outer fabric) right sides together.
 - Sew curved edges.
 - Repeat for all 6 panels.
 - Do the same for inner fabric.
- 2. ATTACH ENTRANCE**
 - Place entrance facing on the opening.
 - Pin and sew around the circle.
 - Repeat for inner fabric.
- 3. ASSEMBLE BODY**
 - Join all main panels together (outer and inner) to form the dome shape.
 - Sew from top to bottom along sides.
- 4. ATTACH BASE**
 - Pin the base to the bottom edge of the dome.
 - Sew around.
 - Repeat for inner fabric and leave an opening.
- 5. INSERT DRAWSTRING**
 - Thread drawstring through the casing.
 - Add cord locks.
 - Add snap buttons along the front opening edges.

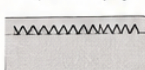


BASIC SEWING METHODS USED

STRAIGHT STITCH
Basic stitch for sewing seams.



ZIGZAG STITCH
Finishes raw edges to prevent fraying.



TOPSTITCHING
Sew along the edge for a neat finish.



TURNING
Turn fabric right side out carefully.



GATHERING
Sew long stitches and pull to gather fabric.



PRESSING
Press seams flat for a professional look.



TIPS

- Use strong thread and sturdy fabrics for durability.
- Wash fabrics before sewing to prevent shrinking.
- Make the bed removable and washable.



CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Machine wash
gentle cycle

Mild
detergent

Do not
bleach

Line dry

Iron on
low heat

Happy Sewing!



DIY Pet Bed Pattern

The **DIY Pet Bed Pattern** is a versatile sewing project that allows you to create two cozy designs using the same basic construction principles: a comfortable **Open Pet Bed** with raised padded sides or a snug **Closed Cave Pet Bed** with a drawstring top. Both styles are soft, durable, and perfect for cats or small dogs. This beginner-friendly project can easily be customized in different sizes, fabrics, and colors to suit your pet's needs.

Skill Level

Beginner to Intermediate

Basic sewing knowledge is recommended, including sewing curved seams, topstitching, and inserting batting or fiberfill.

Finished Size

Open Pet Bed

- Width: 45 cm (17.7 in)
- Length: 45 cm (17.7 in)
- Height: 20 cm (7.9 in)

Closed Cave Pet Bed

- Width: 45 cm (17.7 in)
- Depth: 45 cm (17.7 in)
- Height: 40 cm (15.7 in)

Adjust the measurements by enlarging or reducing the pattern pieces before cutting.

Materials

- Upholstery fabric, canvas, denim, or heavy cotton
- Soft fleece, sherpa, plush, or minky fabric for the lining
- Fusible fleece or quilt batting
- Polyester fiberfill
- Matching sewing thread
- Drawstring cord (about 60 cm / 24 in)
- Two cord locks
- Snap buttons or magnetic snaps (optional)
- Sewing machine

- Fabric scissors
- Pins or clips
- Fabric marker
- Measuring tape
- Iron

Seam Allowance

Use a **1 cm (3/8 in)** seam allowance on every piece unless otherwise noted.

Cutting Guide

Open Pet Bed

Cut:

- 1 Base (outer fabric)
- 1 Base (lining)
- 2 Side Panels (outer fabric)
- 2 Side Panels (lining)
- Batting pieces matching every outer fabric section

Closed Cave Pet Bed

Cut:

- 6 Main Panels (outer fabric)
- 6 Main Panels (lining)
- 2 Entrance Rings (outer fabric)
- 2 Entrance Rings (lining)
- 1 Base (outer fabric)
- 1 Base (lining)
- Batting for all outer fabric pieces

Prepare the Fabric

Wash, dry, and press all fabrics before cutting. Transfer the pattern onto the fabric and cut each piece accurately. Fuse batting or fleece to the wrong side of every outer fabric piece if additional structure is desired.

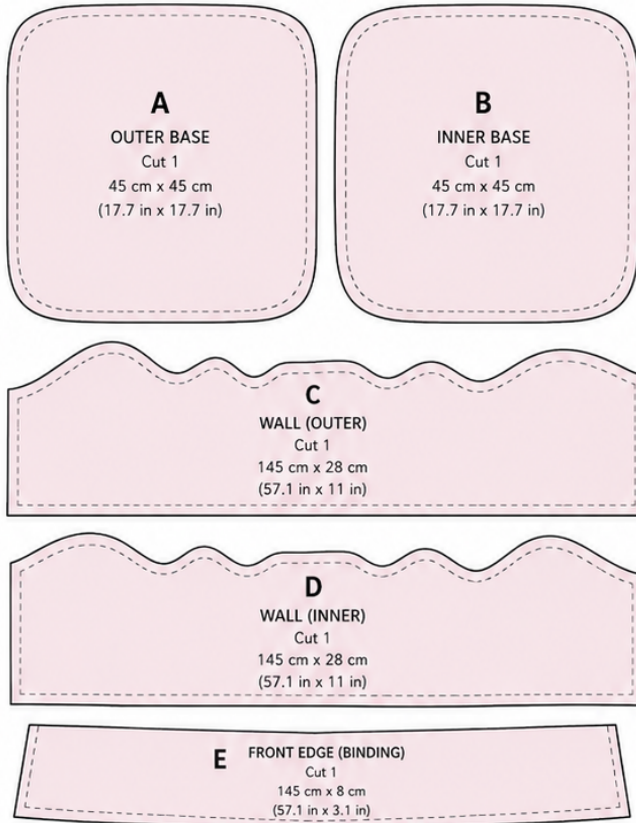
DIY PET BED – PATTERN

Seam allowances included (0.7 cm / 1/4 in)

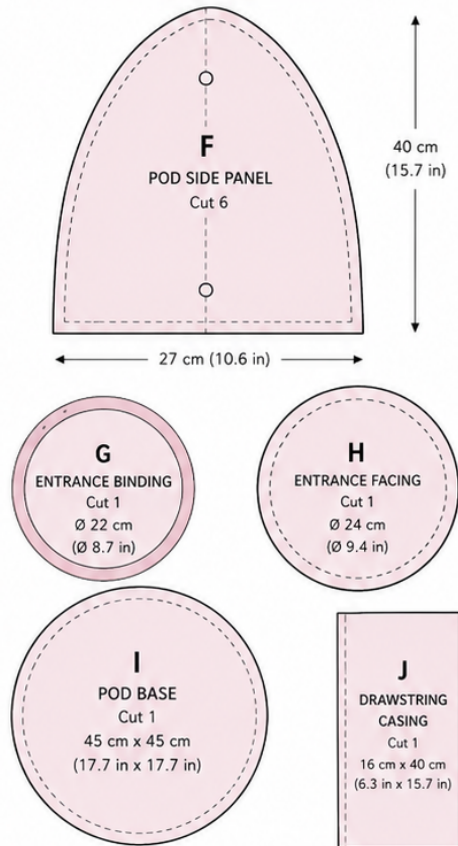
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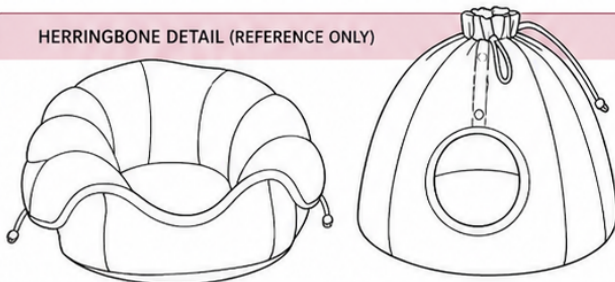
OPEN PET BED



CLOSED PET BED (POD)



HERRINGBONE DETAIL (REFERENCE ONLY)



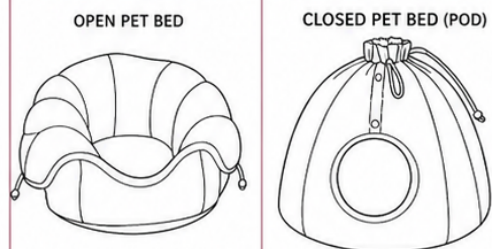
MATERIAL SUGGESTION

- Outer fabric (canvas, twill, upholstery, etc.)
- Inner fabric (soft & comfortable)
- Fiberfill / stuffing
- Fusible interfacing (optional, for extra structure)
- Drawstring cord and stopper
- Snaps or buttons (optional decorative)
- Sewing thread

QUANTITY GUIDE

A	Outer Base	1
B	Inner Base	1
C	Wall (Outer)	1
D	Wall (Inner)	1
E	Front Edge (Binding)	1
F	Pod Side Panel	6
G	Entrance Binding	1
H	Entrance Facing	1
I	Pod Base	1
J	Drawstring Casing	1

PIECE ASSEMBLY OVERVIEW



NOTES

- All measurements include 0.7 cm (1/4 in) seam allowance.
- Measure and adjust before cutting your fabric.
- For the pod, gather the top edge of panels F with the drawstring.
- See assembly guide / tutorial for detailed instructions.

Sewing the Open Pet Bed

Step 1 – Assemble the Side Panels

Place two outer side panels right sides together and sew along the curved edges. Repeat with the lining panels. Press all seams open.

Step 2 – Attach the Side Panels to the Base

Pin the completed side ring to the base, matching the center points and quarter marks. Sew slowly around the entire curve. Repeat the same process for the lining.

Step 3 – Turn and Fill the Side Walls

Turn the outer bed right side out. Insert the lining inside, wrong sides together. Fill the side walls evenly with polyester fiberfill or batting until they feel soft but supportive.

Step 4 – Finish the Upper Edge

Fold the raw edges inward and topstitch around the entire opening. If desired, insert a drawstring casing along the upper edge and thread the cord through both sides to create adjustable side support.

Sewing the Closed Cave Pet Bed

Step 1 – Join the Main Panels

Pair the six outer panels right sides together and sew each long edge until a dome shape forms. Repeat with the lining pieces.

Step 2 – Prepare the Entrance

Sew the entrance facing pieces together to form a circle. Attach the facing to the front opening of both the outer shell and lining. Clip the curves and press carefully.

Step 3 – Assemble the Dome

Place the lining inside the outer shell with right sides together. Stitch around the front entrance. Turn everything right side out through the bottom opening and press neatly.

Step 4 – Attach the Base

Pin the base to the bottom edge of the dome, matching all seams evenly. Sew completely around the perimeter. Repeat for the lining, leaving a small turning opening if necessary.

Step 5 – Insert the Filling

Fill the side panels and upper sections with polyester fiberfill until evenly padded. Avoid overstuffing so the cave keeps its rounded shape while remaining comfortable.

Step 6 – Add the Drawstring

Create a casing around the top opening by folding the upper edge inward and stitching around it. Thread the drawstring through the casing using a safety pin and attach the cord locks.

Step 7 – Add Closures

Install snap buttons or magnetic closures along the front opening if you want the cave bed to close securely during use.

Finishing Touches

Topstitch around the outer edges for extra durability. Check that all seams are reinforced, trim loose threads, and gently shape the bed by hand to distribute the filling evenly.

Fabric Suggestions

Heavy cotton canvas, denim, upholstery fabric, corduroy, and quilted cotton all work well for the exterior. Soft sherpa, plush fleece, minky, or faux fur create a warm and comfortable interior your pet will love.

Helpful Tips

Distribute the filling gradually to prevent lumps and uneven padding. Reinforce all stress points with a second line of stitching, especially around the entrance and side seams. Clip curved seam allowances before turning to create smooth rounded edges. Press after every major seam for a professional-looking finish.

Care Instructions

Machine wash on a gentle cycle using cold or warm water. Use mild detergent and avoid bleach. Air dry whenever possible or tumble dry on low heat. Fluff the filling after washing to restore the original shape.

Customization Ideas

Add a removable cushion for easier cleaning, personalize the bed with your pet's name using embroidery, include a non-slip base for hardwood floors, or sew small storage pockets onto the outside for toys and treats. You can also make matching blankets using the same fabrics for a coordinated handmade pet set.

Conclusion

Your **DIY Pet Bed** is now complete. Whether you choose the cozy **Open Pet Bed** or the warm and secure **Closed Cave Pet Bed**, this sewing project provides a comfortable resting place for your furry companion while allowing endless opportunities for personalization. With durable construction, soft materials, and customizable sizing, this handmade pet bed is a practical project that combines comfort, style, and functionality for years of everyday use.