

# Fleece Rescue Basket Liners, Mats & Tote

Designed to fit basket size 40x30x25cm



These rescue baskets are used by many groups and carers for rescue and transport of wildlife, bird and reptiles. The closing lid with clip fastener keeps the occupant secure. The liner and mat make the basket comfortable and cozy.

The mats are comfortable but not too thick, making them easy to wash and replace frequently. Scared, injured, anxious animals can wee, bleed, vomit, poop, or get their dinner all over these, so their carers need a few extras.

There is also a pattern for a drawstring backpack. This is an optional item (can make 2 additional mats instead) but added as often carers will have their rescue basket in the car for emergencies. The backpack will hold all the extra items usually stored in the basket should a carer need to empty it for a rescue. The tote is designed to fold in half and lay flat under the mat when not needed.

This pattern is for fabrics with at least a little stretch. See Non stretch pattern for cotton, Flannelette or polycotton

There is a cutting guide on the final page that shows layout for both 148cm polar fleece and also for repurposing Kmart polar fleece throws. The guide will leave a rectangle of excess that can either be included as a blanket or sewn into a mini drawstring bag for holding small items.

## Finished Dimensions

Liner - Base-28cmx40cm-slightly larger than basket base to allow for top width on turnover.

Height - 29cm (includes 6cm turn over)

Mat -24 x 35cm

Tote - 35 x 44-45cm

Fabric Polar Fleece

Mattress protector/doona/wadding -23x34cm per mat

Piping Cord/paracord - 2m approx



# Cutting

All dimensions include 1cm seam allowance.

**Liner-** Polar Fleece -makes 1 liner

Walls- 1 strip 138cm x 30cm

Base- 1 rectangle 42cm x 30cm

**Mat-** Polar Fleece - makes 1 mat

2 Rectangles 37cm x 51cm

OR

1 rectangle 50cmx37cm or 26cmx72cm

Padding- mattress protector, doona, wadding

1 rectangle 23cmx34cm

**Backpack-** Polar Fleece

1 rectangle- 1m (98cm)x37cm

Cord 2.5m

**Drawstring bag -**

Excess rectangle

Cord

## Basket Liner Sewing Instructions

- 1- Fold liner wall so short edges are together, right side in, sew 1cm seam
- 2- Starting with seam in the middle of the side edge, right sides together, Pin liner to base, 1cm seam allowance.
- 3- Sew 1cm seam.
- 4- Finish with a 1cm hem all around top edge, trim threads and you are finished.



# Basket Mats

These mats are comfortable but not too thick, making them easy to wash and replace frequently. Scared, injured, anxious animals can wee, bleed, vomit, poop, or get their dinner all over these, so their carers need a few per animal.

## Fabrics to Use

The recommended outer fabric for these beds is polar fleece . Other warm, sturdy fabrics like no pill or sweater fleece can be used too. Remember, it needs to be highly washable and soft.

Between the two layers of fabric is a layer of padding. An old, clean mattress cover or thin doona (duvet) or blanket would be perfect. (We highly advocate upcycling what you have already!) In a pinch, two more layers of fleece would work too.

It's important to note that the fabrics you use must be synthetic. This allows liquids to drain away from the animal so it remains comfortable and speeds up drying after washing. (Mattress covers and doonas often have a thin cotton outer – that's fine.)

It's also very important to follow measurements closely as these mats need to fit snugly in the base of the basket.

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## Instructions

1. Cut out two pieces of polar fleece 43cm x 28cm, this includes 1.5cm seam allowance
2. Cut out a piece of padding (mattress cover or similar) 37cm x 22cm
3. Pin the two pieces of polar fleece together with right sides facing in and sew along the two long edges and one short edge. Turn inside out so seam is on the inside.
4. Stuff the polar fleece pouch with the padding and flatten out carefully. Fold over the open end to hide raw edges and pin.
5. Sew the open end closed and continue around the entire bed.
6. Sew a circle or curved rectangle on the inside of the bed to 'lock down' the padding with the outer fabric. This shape should be about 2/3 the size of the whole bed to best stabilize the padding with the fabric.
7. Trim all threads and admire your basket mat!

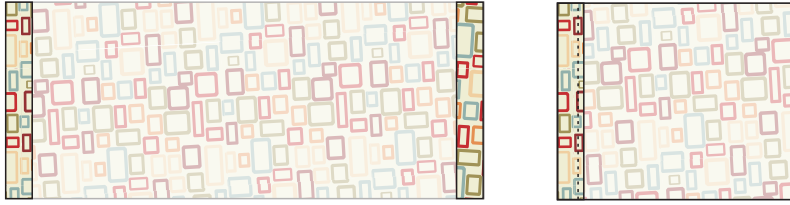




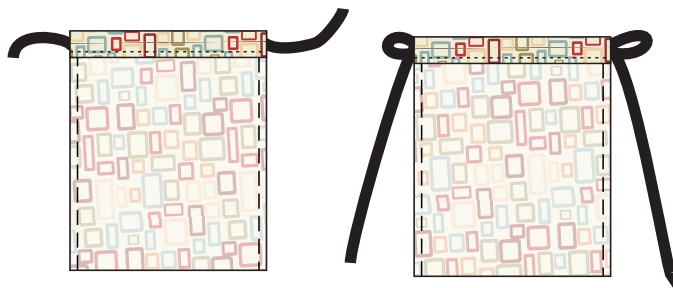
# Drawstring Backpack

[Click here for helpful Tutorial video](#)

- 1- Turn 5cm hem on both short edges, sew.
- 2 -Fold so hemmed edges meet, right side in. Pin side seams.



- 3- Using a safety pin at end start to thread 2m of cord through one side of top casing. Thread both ends through other casing, so one end is coming out each side. Pull cords so they are even. There should be a loop at the edge of both sides



- 4- Thread loops into inside of the bag,  
Insert end into side seam approx 5cm from bottom, pin  
Sew 1cm seam starting at edge of top casing, catching piping at bottom.  
Overstitch at piping for added strength. trim piping end.
- 5- Turn right side out, check for threads and you are done.



## Drawstring Mini Bag

- 1 - Working with whatever excess rectangle you have, turn 3cm hem on shortest edges. Sew.
- 2 -Fold so hemmed edges meet, right side in.
- 3- Pin side seams, sew 1cm seam from bottom of casing. Turn right side out.
- 4- Using safety pin thread cord through both casing, tie together approx 1 inch from bag.
- 5- Repeat with second length of cord from opposite side. You will have a knotted cord on each side.
- 6- Trim threads, All done.

1 Kmart Polar Fleece Throw  
 -127x152cm  
 2 Basket Liners,  
 3 basket Mats  
 and excess for mini bag or blanket

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mat 26x72	mat 50x37		
Excess	mat 50x37		

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2 Kmart Polar Fleece Throw  
 -127x152cm  
 4 Basket Liners,  
 6 basket Mats  
 and excess for mini bag or blanket

3 Kmart Polar Fleece Throws -127x152cm each  
 4 Basket Liners, 16 basket mats or 14 mats, backpack and mini tote/blanket.

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				Mini tote or blanket from excess			

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Polar Fleece - 148 cm wide x 3m  
 4 Basket Liners and 11 basket mats (or 9 mats and a backpack)

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