

## Judy's Cat Quilts

Made for the SQG Community Quilts Pet Bed Project 2021.

Size: Approximately 16" x 24"

Description: Improv quilts, designed and sewn on the go, made with:

- fabric strings (strips less than 2-1/2" wide) and other strips
- orphan blocks and patches
- leftover binding, opened.

Construction: Pillowcase style

- Make the top, joining strips of various widths 18" long to make a top about 26" long. Staystitch the long sides.
- Cut the backing 18" by the length of your top.
- Lay the top and backing, right sides together, on a piece of batting which is slightly bigger on all sides.
- Stitch the three layers together with a 3/4" seam, leaving a 10" or so opening on a short side for turning.
- Trim the corners diagonally and trim the batting close to the seam lines.
- Turn right sides out, pin and hand stitch the opening closed.
- Press.
- Topstitch 1/4" from edges.
- Add enough quilting to hold the mat together through washing.

Tips:

1. For nice corners, start tapering to slightly wider seams about 2-3" from each side of the corners.
2. For a nice closing, stitch along the seamline on one side of the opening, catching one fabric and the batting together. Trim the batting close to the seamline. On the other side of the opening, stitch along the seamline of the other fabric. Then, press back each side of the opening along your stitching lines.
3. For the simplest machine quilting, find a design with the least number of stops and starts. You can do it with one start and one stop!

\*Important: Wash your cat quilts before donating to check for colour bleed. These quilts will go in the wash at the animal shelter, and they will go with a cat to its new home.

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