



## *Patient Pet Advocates*

### Project Overview Sheet & Patterns

**(Please check their current needs as this sheet covers many projects)**

Hospice Pet Advocates dba Patient Pet Advocates is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that helps to rehome pets for patients that have passed away after terminal illnesses. Instead of going to a shelter or pound, the pets are placed in foster homes until a permanent home can be found. They rehome approximately 12 pets per month. Read more about them and their mission here: <https://patientpetadvocates.org/>



Dog Projects



Cat Projects

We help with 3 items: **Toys, Blankets & Pet Beds** for both cats & dogs. These items will be used while the pet is in foster care, then will go with them to their new home so they have something familiar that smells like them to make the transition easier. We are crafting for both cats & dogs, and everything from minis to extra large, so a variety of sizes are appreciated. Most pets are older so chewing/destroying is not an issue.

**NOTE:** When shipping anything with catnip, please put it in a separate ziplock or wrap it in saran wrap to help contain the powerful scent of catnip from infusing other items!

## PET TOYS



Snuffle Ball



Braided Tug Toy

**SNUFFLE BALL / SNUFFLE MAT** (Dog or Cat) Snuffle balls and mats provide mental enrichment for pets by allowing them to search through the folds of fleece for kibble & treats & surprises. They can also be used to cuddle with, or play fetch with. For cats, you could optionally include a separate small package of catnip which can later be sprinkled into the folds. Please make sure that the cut off ends of the zip ties are smoothed away with sandpaper, or you can melt off the rough spots with the tip of a hot empty glue gun or soldering iron. This video by Michigan Pet Alliance shows you how to make a snuffle ball in 4", 6" or 8" size: [▶ How to make a snuffle ball for your pet](#)

This is another great video that gives you an alternative way to punch the holes to attach the zip ties. If you just want to see their hole punch method fast forward to the 5:30 mark.

[▶ How to make a DIY Snuffle Ball Dog Toy](#)

And this document covers making a **SNUFFLE MAT**. [📄 Pet Snuffle Mat](#)

This links you to very good instructions from Mill Creek Vet on how they make their **snuffle mats**: <https://www.millcreekvet.com/d-y-snuffle-mat/>

**Braided Tug Toy** (Dogs) Tug toys are great for dogs to provide exercise and bonding interaction with humans. They prefer the ones made with tshirts or fleece or even denim scraps. Please stay away from the sisal, rope or paracord tugs as these are not as kind on older teeth. These videos show a variety of ways to make them:

- Anti Cruelty Society Tug Toy Using Tshirts  
[▶ Crafting a Tug Toy for The Anti-Cruelty Society](#)
- Pillows for Paws Fleece Tug Toy With Loop End  
[▶ Dog Tug Toy Instructions](#)
- Aunt Angie's Canine Cuisine & Care Braided Fleece Tug Toys  
[▶ DIY Fleece Dog Toys! Super Inexpensive!](#)



**Kick Stick (Cats)** A kitty kick stick is a sewn long cylinder shaped toy filled with catnip and polyfill stuffing, or chopped up fleece. Cats love to grab the toy with their front paws and 'kick' the stick which encourages exercise and playing. These also can be made in sizes from 10" to 13" long, with or without the velcro closure at the top. The video shows the velcro end wider than the top, but you can make it all the same width (cut 2 pieces 3" wide by 10" to 13" long).

▶ How to sew an easy Kitty Kicker cat toy with catnip for beginners sewing tutorial

- There's also a crochet version, though sewing is most likely faster. But the finished crochet kicker really gives them something to sink their paws into:

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/kicker-cat-toy>

**Upcycled Dog Bone Toy (Dog)** We love this upcycled dog toy made from old jeans! Hours of fun for our furry friends to play fetch, have a good chewing session, or just cuddle with. **For safety reasons, please do not put in any squeakers or any item that could be swallowed if the toy was destroyed by the pet.** Toy can be made smaller by sewing larger seams, and can be made larger by adding equal amounts around the pattern. Here are the written instructions and a video from our friends at Hello Sewing: [DIY Dog Bone Toy Out Of Jeans ★ Hello Sewing](#)



**Knit/Crochet Toys (Cats)** Adorable little cat toys that can contain optional catnip for a little playtime fun. Quick and easy to make up in a variety of colors! You can use polyfill or chopped up fleece to stuff these and as an option, mix in some catnip. **Please do not insert a bell or jingle.** What fun!

[Ravelry: No Sew Cat Toy pattern by Tiffany Horton](#)

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/toy-mouse>

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/easy-peasy-catnip-mouse-toy>

## PET BLANKETS



**Snuggle Beds/Blankets** (Cats, Small Dogs) Snuggle beds are little hiding places for pets to cuddle inside of to feel safe and warm. This pattern can be multi-purpose - the pet can lay inside using it as a padded blanket, or they can lay on top using it as a mat or open bed. This post from DIY To Donate shows us how to make a snuggle bed in two sizes. There is also a link to their YouTube video and a downloadable pdf instruction sheet.

<https://diytodonate.com/make-snuggle-beds-to-donate-to-animal-shelters/>

**No Sew Fleece Blanket** (cat or dog) So simple and so cuddly! Two layers of fleece with the edges fringed, and yes, we said 'no sewing'! This YouTube video does an excellent job walking you through making one. Use this chart for the suggested cut size and fringe size.



Pet Size		Cut Fleece Size	Fringe Size	Finished Useable Size (measured without fringe)
Small cats & minis		24" x 24"	3"	18" x 18"
Average cat & Small Dog		30" x 30"	3"	24" x 24"
Large Dog		38" x 44"	4"	30" x 36"

Here's the video! [▶ Learn How To Make a Homemade No Sew Fleece Pet Blanket with ...](#)

**Knit or Crochet Blanket** (cat or dog) There are so many freely available pet blanket patterns on Ravelry, that your toughest decision may be "which to choose?". When looking for your next pet blanket project, keep in mind that we would like these to be small enough to not dwarf a pet while in their kennel, and that the pattern should not be lacy or have holes or gaps that may entangle tiny paws. A moderately tight-weave pattern, and a size between 12 and 20 inches across should be perfect for most small to medium pets. This is your

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chance to use up the yarns that don't quite make the cut for other partner charities. Leftovers? Perfect. Yarn missing a label? Add it to the mix! Pets aren't picky. Just make sure it's something that could be machine washed. Here's a few patterns to get you started:

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/crochet-snuggle-pet-blanket>  
<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/easy-cat-cage-nubby-blanket>  
<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/jennifers-20-minute-pet-rug>  
<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/animal-shelter-kitty-blanket>

## PET BEDS

**Easy To Sew Adjustable Pet Bed** (cat or dog) This easy to sew round pet bed can be made in many sizes and is adjustable. It can be used with the sides up as a cuddly bed or opened up flat for a nice soft round sleeping mat. Fleece or minky fabric would be great for this and stretch your stuffing with chopped up fleece scraps! In case you miss it, here is the suggested sizing chart, which will make sense once you watch the video! Website overview with sizing:

<http://charmedbyashley.com/pet-bed-sewing-tutorial/>

YouTube video showing construction: [Easy Reversible 🐱 Pet 🐶 Bed Sewing tutorial](#)



Size		Overall Radius of Bed (Cut size of fabric)	Center Bed Circle Radius (Size to sew center circle)
XSmall		15" round	8"
Small		17" round	9"
Medium		21" round	11"
Large		25" round	15"
XLarge		32" round	22"

- **AND** This video by 'Sew Yeah' shows how to sew a rectangular pet bed constructed in the same manner for a larger, longer oval shaped dog bed. The approximate finished sleeping area of this bed is 12" x 20"

[How To Sew a Scrap-Filled Dog Bed | Free Pattern!](#)



**Crochet/Knit Pet Beds** (cat or dog) There are many freely available patterns on Ravelry for knit and crochet pet beds. Here are a few of our favorites to get you started:

- Crochet: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/pet-bed-for-cat-or-dog>
- Knit: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/pet-bed-knit>
- What about a nest? <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/pet-nest-3>

**\*\*For those of you with Ravelry accounts, Robyn has put together a [bundle](#) of fun patterns to try for this charity. Not on Ravelry? Easy to sign up and it's FREE! Come join us there.\*\***

THANK YOU for all you do for Crafting Change and our partner charities. It truly is appreciated. Please contact us with any questions you may have.

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**Items for this partner will be shipped directly to Patient Pet Advocates at their Post Office Box. At this time, they can only accept US Postal Service packages and they are not set up with Give Back Box.**

### **Shipping Address:**

**Patient Pet Advocates**

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