How-to guide: make a DIY cat bed from an old jumper

How does this meet cats' needs?

Cats love their naps and sleep for about 16 hours a day! They feel safest snoozing in quiet, warm and comfortable spots, and they appreciate having options. While you could buy a cat bed, cats are often just as happy with a DIY alternative. With this simple craft, you can turn an old sweater into a cosy, personal bed that might just become your cat's favourite nap spot.

Materials

- An old sweater
- Filling (wadding or foam pieces)
- Scissors
- Safety pin
- Wool or cotton thread
- Darning needle

Difficulty level:
Medium

Time to make:
About an hour

Instructions

1. Gather your materials

Collect everything you'll need to make this cosy bed for your cat.
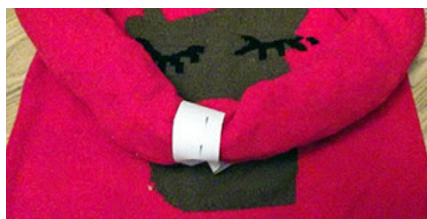

2. Close up the collar

Stitch the collar of the sweater securely to create a snug boundary.

3. Stuff the sleeves

Fold over the ends of the sleeves, secure them with a safety pin, and fill each sleeve with the stuffing of your choice.

4. Connect the sleeves

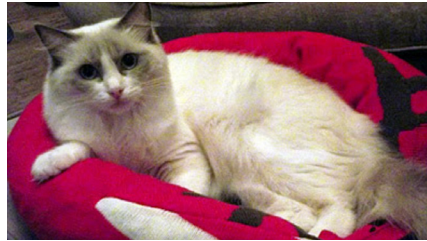Insert the right sleeve into the left sleeve, then stitch them together tightly to form a connected loop.

5. Shape the bed

Fold the body of the sweater inward to create a round or oval bed shape, as shown in the reference photo.

6. Secure the bottom

Stitch along the bottom of the sleeves to keep everything in place.

7. Ready for rest!

Place the bed in a cosy spot and invite your cat to curl up and enjoy!

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