

# AHS Kitty Mat Project

## Mats and Pillows

### Asheville Humane Society Kitty Mat & Pillow Project

**Most important consideration is the maximum size and sturdiness of the fabric.**

#### MATS

**Size:** No larger than 24" square and no smaller than 16" square.  
18"x24" or close to that size would also work

If you are using scraps and or trying to make use of the fabric you have on hand and they come out smaller than 16" sq or rectangular, that is fine. They do NOT to have to be an exact size. However, **NO larger than 24" square.**

**Fabric:** Sturdy; cotton; cotton/poly; tight weave; denim; twill; medium weight; Must be able to withstand multiple hot washes and hot drying.  
Prewash & dry fabric using hot water before sewing.  
No decorations.  
Double seam where you can; think of how their claws might catch on exposed seams.  
Sew several lines of stitches across the mat to keep batting from shifting either diagonally or with a couple of parallel lines.  
Use sturdy thread.

#### Batting:

Use double layer poly batting (*no cotton*) unless your batting is very thick.

#### SMALL PILLOWS

These are used by the kitties, especially kittens, to snuggle with. Stuff them with loose poly batting (*no cotton or shredded foam*) It must be soft and can withstand hot washing and drying. Loose poly batting would be ideal. These do not need to be stitched down to prevent shifting of the stuffing. Stuff to medium density.

**Size:** 10" to 12" square — **NO larger than 12" square**

They need to be able to fit within the dimensions of the shelves in the cages.

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