

Simple French Seam Dog Bed Tutorial

(includes a flap to envelope three pillows)

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Two dog beds are shown above with our foster dogs Betty and Jordy using one each!

Fabric Requirements Per Bed

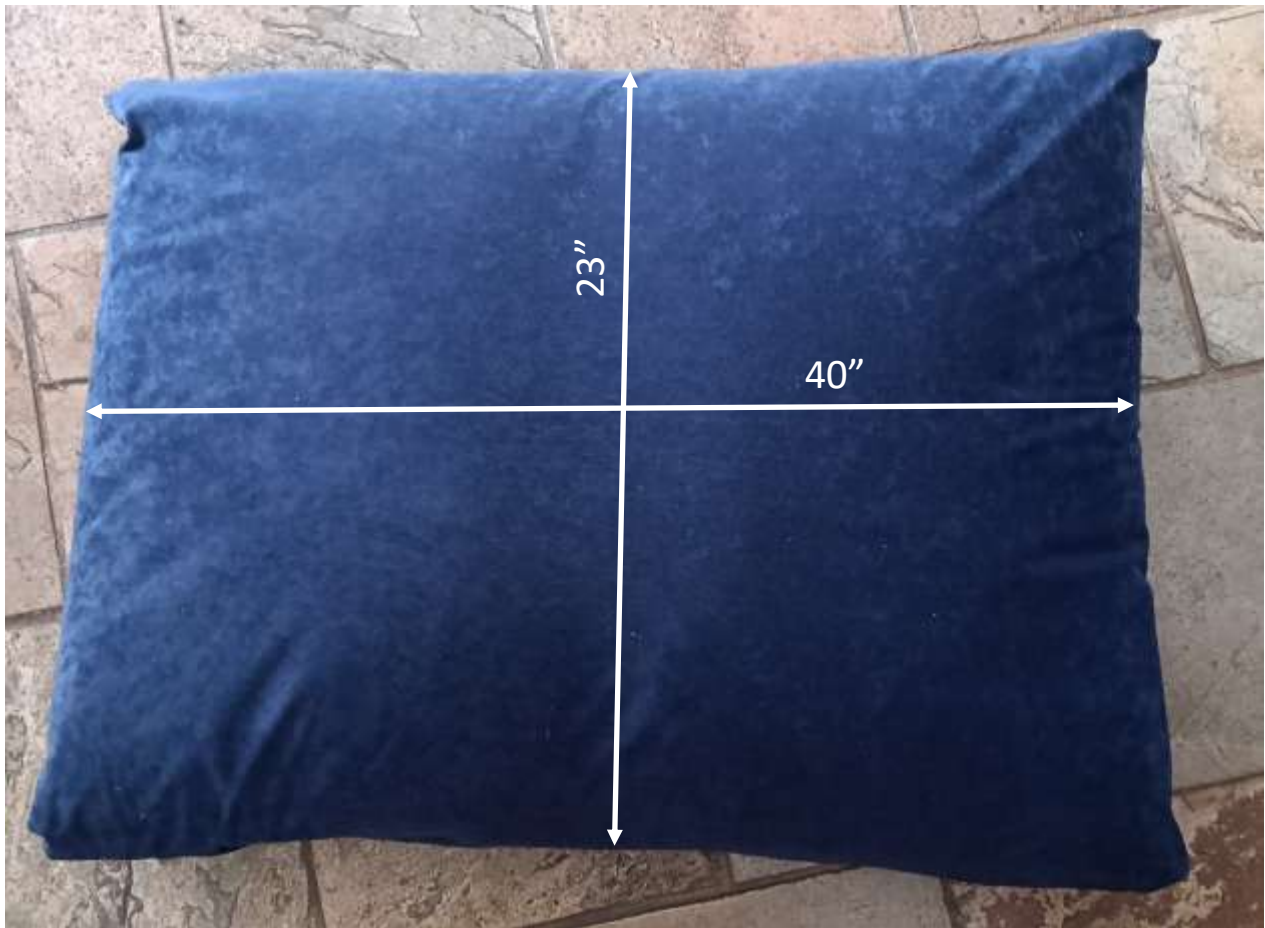
1 rectangle 25" x 89"

for a medium sized dog.



Dimensions

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You can vary the size by starting with a larger or smaller rectangle of fabric but this size suits most small and medium dogs.



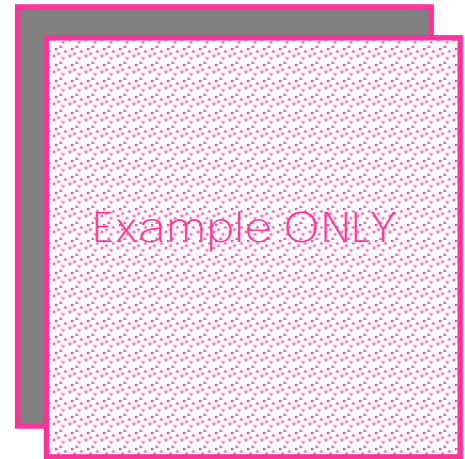
What is a French seam?

It is sturdy seam that is double stitched and envelopes all raw edges!

How to sew a French seam!

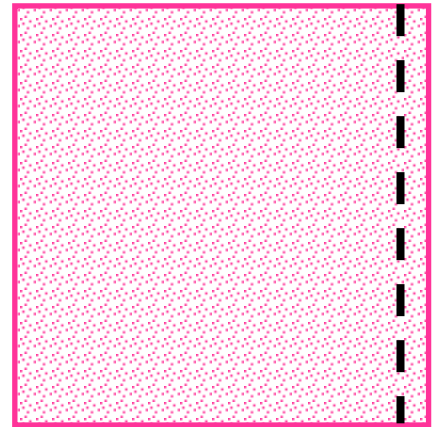
Step 1

Place your two pieces of fabric right sides



Step 2

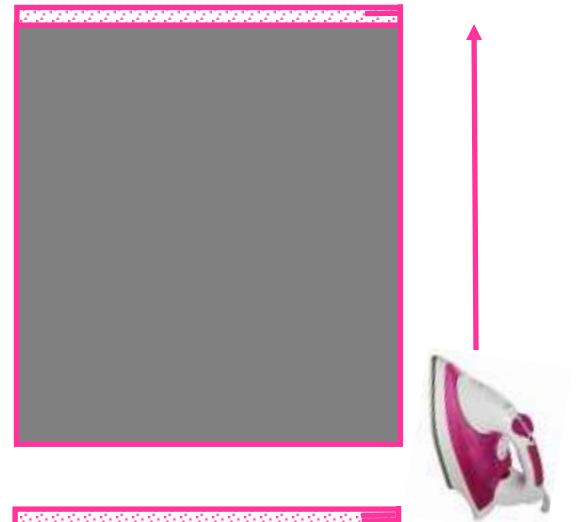
Stitch a 1/4" seam along the edge you wish to join.



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Step 3

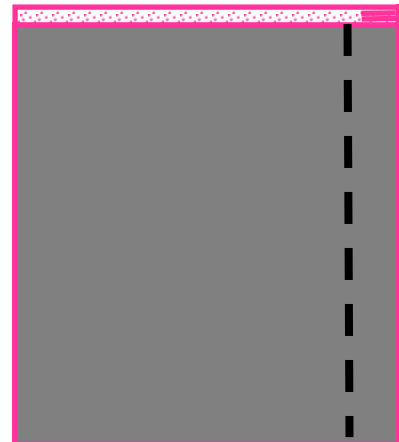
Turn the fabrics right side in and press the seam flat.



Step 4

Stitch a 5/8" seam (or wider if you prefer) this completely envelopes the raw edges from the previous seam within a casing of fabric.

Press fabric open to complete the seam.

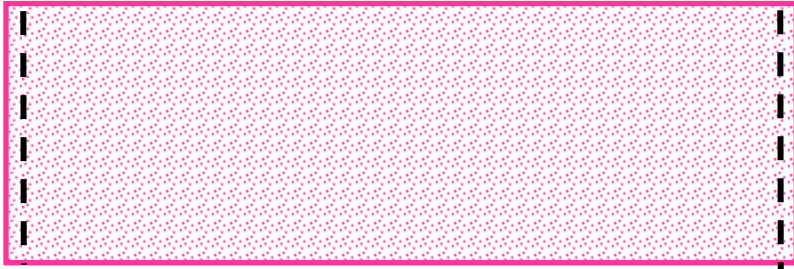


Making the Dog Bed!

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Step 1

Hem both ends of the fabric strip



Step 2

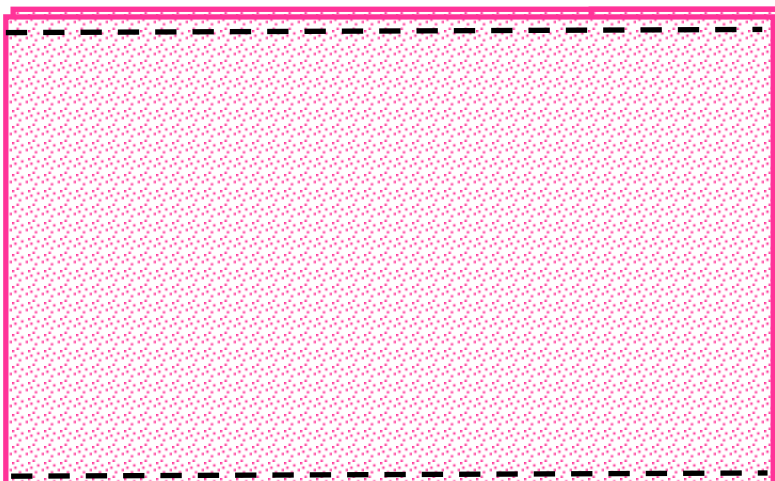
Layout your dog bed fabric **right sides out**, fold as shown in this diagram



From the side view your fabric will be folded like this.

Step 3

Pin the fabric in place and then stitch a 1/4 seam down each side.



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Step 4

Turn the dog bed **inside out**. Now move the flap as shown in this diagram so it folds over to the opposite side.



It should flip all the way over the open end of the pillowcase as shown. Grey represents it's original position and the movement you need to complete.

Step 5

Stitch a 1/2 seam along both sides to complete the French seams, This type of seam completely envelopes all raw edges to ensure a sturdy seam.

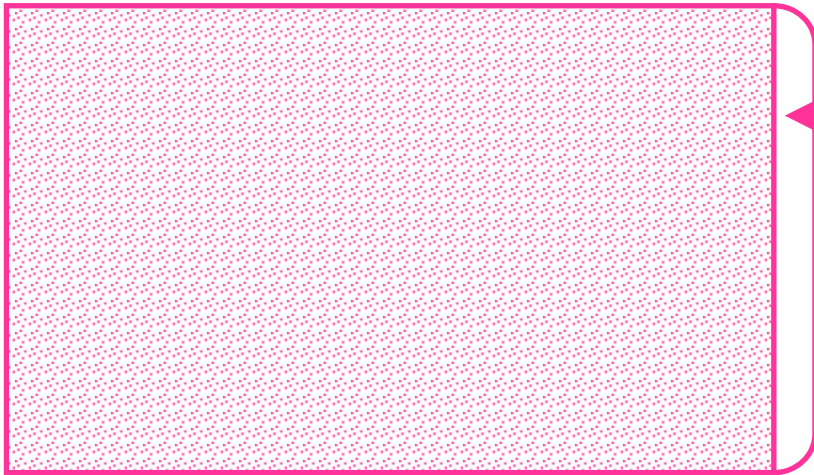


Betty the Chihuahua LOVES her pillow beds!



Step 6

Turn the dog bed ride side out. Place three store bought pillows inside and ensure the flap folds over the last one to hold the three pillows inside securely. Your large pillow dog bed is ready to use.



Add pillows!



Why make these?

They are cheap! The pillows to stuff them cost me \$2.50 each.

The cover is washable! Whether your dog sheds, vomits or just smells doggy, it is great to wash dog bed covers regularly!

You can choose fun fabrics to suit your décor!

Quick to make! I recently decided to take on two cute foster dogs with only a few days notice and so I whipped up a few of these so we had enough dog beds for everyone! All our dogs love them!

They are thrifty! Use up old fabrics like curtains, sheets etc.

Sleep tight
beautiful
canines!

