

Teckel Tent

Materials:

- * 6 wooden dowels of 36 inches length
- * At least 3 ft. length of flexible tubing at least twice the diameter of the dowels.
 - * Darning Needle
 - * Twine
 - * Velcro strips or dots
 - * Large piece of Posterboard
 - * One large piece of upholstery foam (at least a yard), of at least 2 inch thickness.
 - * Quilt Batting
 - * 2 yards sturdy fabric for the exterior of the base, such as canvas.
 - * 2 yards Decorative fabric.
 - * 2 yards Fuzzy fabric, such as sherpa, faux fur, or any napped or piled fabric.
 - * Thread that gives a good contrast to the decorative fabric.
 - * A sewing machine and sewing equipment.

Directions:

Step 1: Measure. Measure your pet, add a few inches for ease of movement.

Step 2: Draw a line the length of the measurement on your posterboard. Use this as the diameter of the interior circle of the pet bed.

Step 3: Put your posterboard pattern on top of the fuzzy fabric and measure 6 inches out. Draw another circle using this measurement, and cut your fabric.

Step 4: Put the posterboard pattern on top of the sturdy fabric. Measure 8 inches out. Continue as in Step 3.

Step 5: Put the pattern on top of the upholstery foam and cut out a foam circle.

Step 5: Cut 4 in x 2 in strips of foam from the left over, until you have a total of at least 36 inches. Wrap it around the outside of the posterboard circle and leave a bit of an overlap. Cut off the extra. If your foam is in several pieces just use your darning needle and twine to hand stitch it into a circle securing your stitching with good knots.

Step 6: Put your fuzzy and sturdy fabrics right sides together and pin together for half the circle. Fit it to the foam and make any adjustments that are necessary. Pin the circle 3/4 of the way. Remove the foam and leaving at least a 1/4 seam allowance, sew where you have pinned. Turn the fabric right sides out and put the foam base in. Hem the open edge and attach the velcro to completely close it.

Step 7: Use the same concept of sewing an inner circle to complete the pet pillow case, stuff it with batting and then use velcro to close it.

Step 8: Using the pet bed as a template, wrap the tubing around the same way we did the foam. Trim the excess and stitch or glue together the ends after fitting them one into the other.

Step 9: Secure the dowels into the tubing after first testing them in place to make sure you know where you want them, and lash them together at the top with twine.

Step 10: Wrap the decorative fabric around the tent skeleton to measure. Trim the excess and use your sewing machine to finish the edge.

Step 11: Place velcro on the dowels and corresponding places on the decorative fabric to secure it to the dowels. You're done!! Your pet will thank you for their new Teckel Tent!!