

Save those scraps!

Have you wondered why members hand over bags of tiny scraps and batting trimmings to other members? Instead of throwing scraps into the trash, we are helping to make dog and cat beds for the Humane Society of Sarasota (<http://www.hssc.org/>).

This project came from a member of the Friendship Knot Quilters Guild and has expanded to many of our VAQG members. A visit to the animal shelter found dogs sleeping on bare concrete floors. We add to the land fill when we throw out “un-useable” scraps. A plan to solve both problems by making pet beds was born.

If interested, you can help in many ways:

1. Save any trimmings of cotton fabric or batting, the smaller the better. I keep a container just for these scraps. Bag them and bring to Dawn Moore or Sue Balazs.
2. Donate unwanted, clean and smoke-free fabric or clean pillow cases or sheets to make a pillow insert.
3. Donate leftover home decorating or heavy fabric (corduroy). We need pieces about 34” wide and the full width of the fabric (typically 54” or 58” wide).
4. Sew a pet bed cover by overlapping the selvedge ends about 5-6” and then sewing the two sides with a 2” seam allowance to allow for raveling when washing. Sew a second seam ¼” away in the seam allowance. Finish the raw edges by serging, zig-zag stitching or pinking. Turn inside out. If your Fabric is slippery, use a smaller overlap (2”) and sew “hook and loop” to keep it closed. A piece of fabric 34” by 58” will make a pet bed cover about 30” x 26”.



5. Come and sew or stuff at one of the work sessions held at the American Red Cross office in Sarasota off Cattleman Rd .

To learn more , call Dawn Moore or Sue Balazs.

