

Make a Cosy Pet Hideaway!

When the weather turns chilly and the nights get darker, there's nothing quite like snuggling up somewhere warm and cosy. Our pets love having comfortable places to relax too! And with firework season arriving, some animals might appreciate having a quiet little hiding place where they can feel safe. This month, we're turning an ordinary cardboard box into a **brilliant Pet Hideaway!**

You will need:

- A sturdy cardboard box
- Child-safe scissors (and a grown-up helper)
- Coloured paper, pens or pencils
- Glue or tape
- A soft, familiar blanket or towel



How to make your Pet Hideaway

Step 1 - Choose Your Box

Find a clean, sturdy cardboard box that's big enough for your pet to comfortably turn around and lie down in. This craft is best suited to cats that enjoy enclosed spaces. For other pets, ask a grown-up to check what's safe and suitable.

Step 2 – Make an Entrance

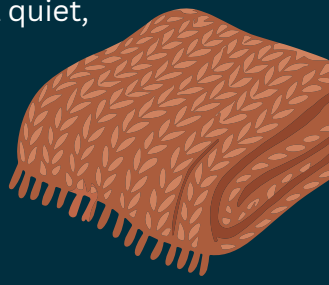
Ask a grown-up to carefully cut a large doorway into one side of the box. You could make it round, square or even shaped like an archway!

Step 3 – Get Decorating!

Use coloured paper, pens or pencils to decorate the outside of your pet's new home. Why not turn it into a royal pet palace, a woodland cottage or a cosy little house? Keep the inside free from glue, string and loose decorations that your pet could chew or swallow.

Step 4 –Make It Cosy

Place a soft, familiar blanket or towel inside. Then ask a grown-up to help you find a quiet, comfortable spot for the hideaway, away from busy doorways and other hazards.



Your hideaway is ready! But here's the most important part...
Your pet gets to choose whether they use it!

Some cats might investigate straight away, while others may prefer to sleep somewhere else. Never put your pet inside or block the entrance to make them stay.

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