

How To Make A Ferret Shoe Bed

Use these step-by-step instructions to create a shoe bed for your ferret.

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Assembling & Sewing A Ferret Shoe Bed

Supplies needed for sewing the ferret shoe bed: 1/2 yard of fleece for sole and sock of shoe 1/4 inch of fleece for outside, lace-up part of shoe Thread 54-inch shoelace Extra long straight pins Scissors Sewing machine Pattern from above

Sewing A Ferret Shoe Bed Step #1

Lay out large piece of fabric, folding it as in photo so you can cut two at a time on a fold. The sole and the insole are not folded. Then cut lace-up fleece from the smaller piece of fabric. (Click image to enlarge.)

Sewing A Ferret Shoe Bed Step #2

Sew foam between two layers of fleece. (Click image to enlarge.)

Sewing A Ferret Shoe Bed Step #3

Sew one of the fronts, to one of the heels. Then sew other two. (Click image to enlarge.)

Sewing A Ferret Shoe Bed Step #4

Turning right sides together, sew the two front/heel pieces together stitching the curved or top part of the shoe. (Click image to enlarge.)

Sewing A Ferret Shoe Bed Step #5

Turn fabric so the right sides are now on the outside and top-stitch the entire top part. (Click image to enlarge.)

Sewing A Ferret Shoe Bed Step #6

Take the lace-up fleece and sew the curved part together. (Click image to enlarge.)

Sewing A Ferret Shoe Bed Step #7

Insert fleece and top stitch. (Click image to enlarge.)

Sewing A Ferret Shoe Bed Step #8

Insert heel foam placing the center of the foam with the center of the lace-up piece. Stitch from top to bottom with a single stitch to hold foam in place. Then stitch the bottom together. (Click image to enlarge.)

Sewing A Ferret Shoe Bed Step #9

Next is sewing the bottom, the lace-up part and the sock or top of the shoe together. Pin the entire shoe together with the extra long pins. Remember to leave 3 to 4 inches in the front toe without the lace-up part. This is the most difficult part as you will be sewing six layers of fleece together. Sew fabric slowly. Do not force or pull fabric as it could break your sewing machine needle. Remove straight pins just before the needle hits that area or you could break a needle or bend a straight pin. (Click image to enlarge.)

Sewing A Ferret Shoe Bed Step #10

After sewing all pieces together, turn it inside out. (Click image to enlarge.)

Sewing A Ferret Shoe Bed Step #11

Looking at the picture, you can cut a small hole through both layers of fabric for the laces. You can also insert eyelets if you prefer. (Click image to enlarge.)

Sewing A Ferret Shoe Bed Step #12

Insert shoelace and you are finished. (Click image to enlarge.)

Options: You can use any color combination you wish. If the lace-up part is a solid color, you can add embroidery or appliqué as seen in the leopard shoe. These shoe beds not only are fun to own, they are great gifts and great items to donate to ferret organizations like Support Our Shelters or ferret club raffles.

You can choose any color pattern you wish, and even add appliques or embroidery.

This finished shoe has a trim sock-top, which differs from the finished red shoe shown above.

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