

Patterns and How Tos

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UPDATE 6-22-14 Team you might notice that the Granny Square pattern has been removed. A while back I posted that the team should try and move away from crocheted patterns that have gaps or holes in them. Reason being is that the gaps or holes can cause a possible entanglement and or snagging of the pups. Your response was awesome! Those that were in the midst of such patterns were encouraged to finish them and mail them. I asked that the group move towards denser or tighter patterns and you have. I do realize that this will use more yarn and take longer but we need to sacrifice speed for safety. With the possibility of a large number of new members coming on board this summer lets keep this in mind as you assist, inspire and advise our newest members.. as always much love for your hard work.

What is a serger?

<http://sewing.about.com/od/sergersoverlock/ss/serger.htm>

Learning to Sew

<http://sewing.about.com/od/beginner1/bb/sewing101.htm>

Sewing Machine basics

<http://sewing.about.com/od/beginner1/bb/sewing101.htm>

Sewing tools

<http://sewing.about.com/od/beginner1/ig/Sewing-Tools/>

Sewing Machine repair, care and trouble shooting

<http://sewing.about.com/od/sewingmachineindex/>

Crochet Blanket Pattern-<http://www.patternsforcrochet.co.uk/crib-blanket-usa.html>

Belly Bands:

Note from Susan Newton:

My personal opinion, having used them daily for over 2 1/2 years now.... I like using a cotton outer layer with a thin quilt batting layer samwiched in between. This way, the adhesive of the pad used doesn't damage the band like it does with fleece or flannel.

I use the thin, soft and natural batting... and I sew a "wave" down the middle to keep it secure. I've washed them a hundred plus times, and out of all the different ways I've made them, this is by far the best I've found

If you have any questions about making belly bands, you can ask Susan Newton, she is a member of this group

http://www.ehow.com/how_2295386_make-belly-bands-male-dogs.html

<http://hyenacart.com/BrightRoseCreations/mt/3552/14771/Dog-Belly-Band-Pattern-DIY-PDF-sewing-Pattern-Make>

<https://onedrive.live.com/view.aspx?Tgcid=68006421216C9655&resid=68006421216C9655%212539&app=WordPdf&wdo=1>

Dog Diapers:

Dog Diapers Pattern in 6 sizes for \$5.88

www.parksbird.com

http://memberfiles.freewebs.com/46/52/66595246/documents/pbp_dog_diaper_sewing_instructions.pdf

Fleece Tie Blanket:

<http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Fleece-Tie-Blanket>

Sew Double-Sided Fleece Blanket-Tutorial

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OVuK-2xzO3c>

Fleece Dog Toys:

http://www.ehow.com/info_8074532_fleece-dog-toys-make.html#ixzz2xt9st6Hv

Convert Onesies for Dogs:

<https://www.facebook.com/206835109366879/photos/a.209425709107819.73301.206835109366879/713051082078610/?type=1&theater>

<http://www.pinterest.com/pin/99994054200101170/>

Mitered Corner Tutorial:

<http://www.nobigdill.com/2011/02/mitering-around.html>

Triple Stitched Blanket:

<http://www.nobigdill.com/2012/04/triple-stitched-blanket-tutorial.html>

Crochet Spiral Blanket:

<http://smoothfoxlover.blogspot.ca/2011/03/smoothfoxs-four-color-spiral-blanket.html>

Rag Quilt Pattern:

This pattern will make a 48" x 40" quilt and can be made smaller by reducing the rows and columns accordingly.

1. Five yards of flannel, cotton or denim material (denim is great if you can manage to catch a 50 % off sale at a thrift store)
2. Cut sixty 9 inch by 9 inch squares.
3. Put two squares, wrong side together, and stitch an X across each square from corner to corner. Do this until you have 30 finished squares.
4. Next, take 2 sewn squares, stitch them together with 1/2" seam, repeating this until you have one row of 6 squares.
5. Complete 5 rows like in #4 and then stitch them right side to right side with a 1/2" seam. Main thing at this point is making sure all raw seam sides are on the same side of the quilt. It should be smooth on one side and seams sticking out on the other.
6. Once you have all the rows sewn together, sew a 1/2" seam all around the edge of the quilt. Do not hem it, just a seam.
7. Use scissors to clip the seams on the raw side in 1/4" intervals (it does not have to be exact as the seams are going to fray in the wash) Be careful to not clip through your seams. Also make sure to clip the edge all the way around too.
8. Once you have finished clipping everything, wash the quilt by itself on warm water (I tried washing it with a load and I'm still getting threads off clothes)

These quilts are fairly easy and are super cute when you're done. All the seams fray and so you have fuzzy squares on one side and a smooth quilt finish on the other side.

If anyone has any questions please feel free to let me know.

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