

PROJECT WARM

FERAL CAT HOUSE



CONSTRUCTION INSTRUCTIONS

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Materials needed are: a 14 gallon Rubbermaid storage bin, an roll of one-inch thick foam rubber, a yardstick, hot glue gun or heavy duty double sided tape, a box cutter or utility knife, hay or straw, flat newspaper, shredded newspaper or other insulating material. Then assemble as follows:

1. Cut a doorway 6"x6" in one of the long sides of the storage bin towards the corner. To prevent flooding, cut the opening so that the bottom of the doorway is several inches above the ground. Cut a second 6"x6" opening in one of the narrow sides farthest from the first opening near the corner. Make it the same size as the first opening.
2. Line the floor of the bin with flat sheets of newspaper in a quarter inch thick layer.
3. In similar fashion, line each of the four interior walls of the bin with a piece of the foam rubber. Hot glue the foam rubber to the sides. This method holds best. But if you don't have a hot glue gun, double sided heavy duty tape available at the hardware store will do. Perfect cuts are not necessary. Cut out a doorway in the foam rubber where it is lined up with the doorway that has been cut out already in the storage bin. Trace the outline of the doorway on the foam rubber first before cutting.
4. Stuff the bottom of the bin generously with straw or other insulating material(shredded newspaper, foam rubber cut into strips/cubes, polyester pillow stuffing) on top of the flat sheets of newspaper.
5. Cut out a foam rubber "roof" and glue it to fit the inside of the lid. Hot glue the foam onto the lid.
6. Cover the bin with its lid.

This shelter can be cleaned by taking off the lid. It's also lightweight and may need to be weighed down. A flap over the doorway is optional. Catnip can be sprinkled inside at first to attract the cats.



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Tips:

Do not place food inside the shelter

Use cat nip sprinkled inside to first attract cats to the house.

Place the house in an area that is somewhat out of the way of human traffic but ofcourse still findable by the cats.