

Brownie Pets Badge Step #2: Keep a pet comfy!

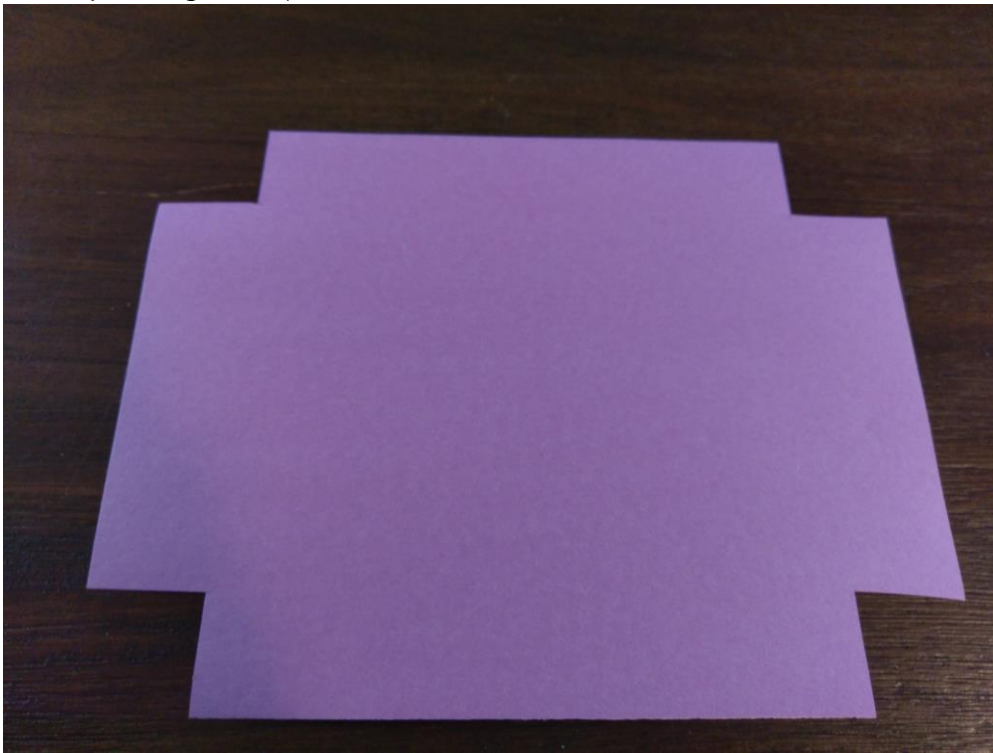
Activity Choice: Pet Pillows!

Materials:

- Pieces of fleece (can be different colors or patterns) - two $\frac{3}{4}$ -yard squares
- Bag of stuffing (Polyester Fiberfill)
- Scissors
- Ruler

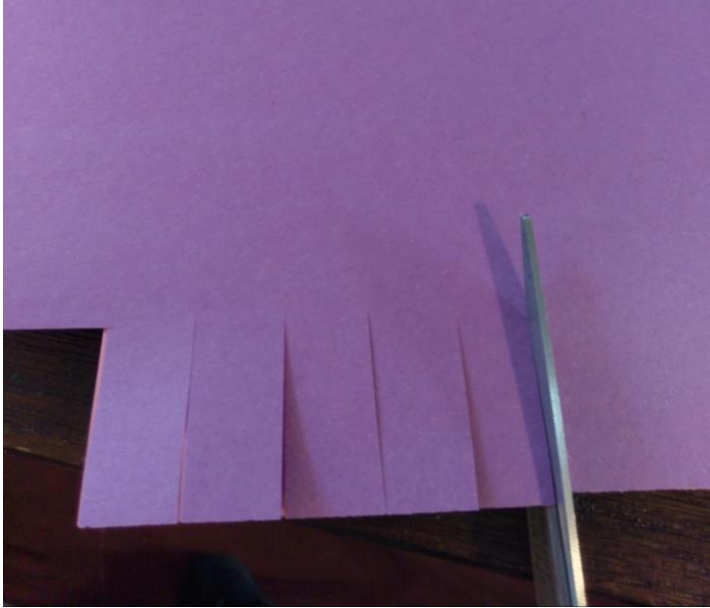
Instructions:

1. Here's how you make the pet pillow. First, start with your squares of fleece, and stack them on top of each other.
2. Start by cutting a 2" square out of each corner.



(Side-note: In my pictures, I didn't have fleece/felt/fabric at home so I'm just using paper to show you an example of how you'll need to cut your fleece/felt/fabric—you won't want to use paper because it doesn't make a very good pillow! ☺)

3. Then, while both squares are still stacked together, cut strips that are about 1" wide by 2" tall all the way across each side of the fabric. They don't have to be exactly even, but you can measure them if you want. The important thing is to stay right at 2" tall - if you cut more than that, you'll end up with an odd-shaped pillow. Try to cut both pieces of fabric at the same time to keep them the same size.



4. Once you have slits all the way around all four sides of your fabric, now we work to tie them all together!
5. Start at a corner, and tie the strips together into a knot. Keep tying all the strips together on 3 sides. **Stop after you just have one side left open!**



(I couldn't tie mine, again, because my sheets are just paper here! 😊)

6. Now, take some stuffing and make a nice soft pillow for a dog or cat. Don't stuff it too full - you still need to knot the last side.
7. Once you have it full with a little fluff, go ahead and knot the last side - and then you'll have a nice pet pillow for your pet to enjoy!