**Sewing Community Cat Trap Covers**

Thank youfor volunteering to make community cat trap covers! Trap covers significantly help both the community cats and the TNR team by reducing cat stress and fear. Your sewing work is so appreciated!

A blue rectangular object with cartoon characters on it

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**Skill Level:** Easy/Beginner

**Materials:**

* 1 yard of cotton fabric (60 in. width)

*Feel free to also use thicker fabric like fleece and flannel for cold weather covers but cotton fabric is a great 3-season choice!*

*Tip: using old fabric like bedsheets or thrifted fabric from the ScrapBox is great way to reuse and recycle!*

* Standard sewing necessities (scissors, thread, needle, ruler, iron, etc.)
* Velcro *(optional but recommended and appreciated!)*

**Procedure:**

1. Start with a yard of 60-inch-wide fabric. Fold the fabric into quarters and gently press the center folds with an iron *(the ironing is optional but helpful for the next step!).* Then, cut a 12 by 11-inch rectangle from the non-folded corners so when unfolded the fabric looks like this:

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1. Using the ironed creases to mark the center of your fabric, cut a 10-inch slit widthwise in the center of the fabric. This makes the trap handle accessible!
2. Finish all the raw edges! We recommend a “turn under” for the perimeter edges and a “zigzag” around the center slit but feel free to do your preferred method.
3. *Optional but helpful*: Along each cutout corner, attach about 8 inches of Velcro so the sides of the cover can be easily secured. For each cutout corner, one half of the Velcro should be attached to the right side of the fabric (shown in white on the diagram) and the other half of the Velcro should be attached to the wrong side of the fabric on the other edge (shown in grey on the diagram) so that each cutout corner can attached together when the cover is placed over the trap.

1. That’s it! Hooray! Thank you so much for volunteering your time and sewing skills to help our community cats and TNR team! Please contact [tnr@hshv.org](mailto:tnr@hshv.org) to arrange a donation drop-off. Thank you!

