

**PAWS ON PLASTIC!**  
SLEEP SYSTEM FOR STRAYS

# DIY ANIMAL BED

**TURN TRASH INTO  
BOW MEOW WOW!**

For Ages  
10+

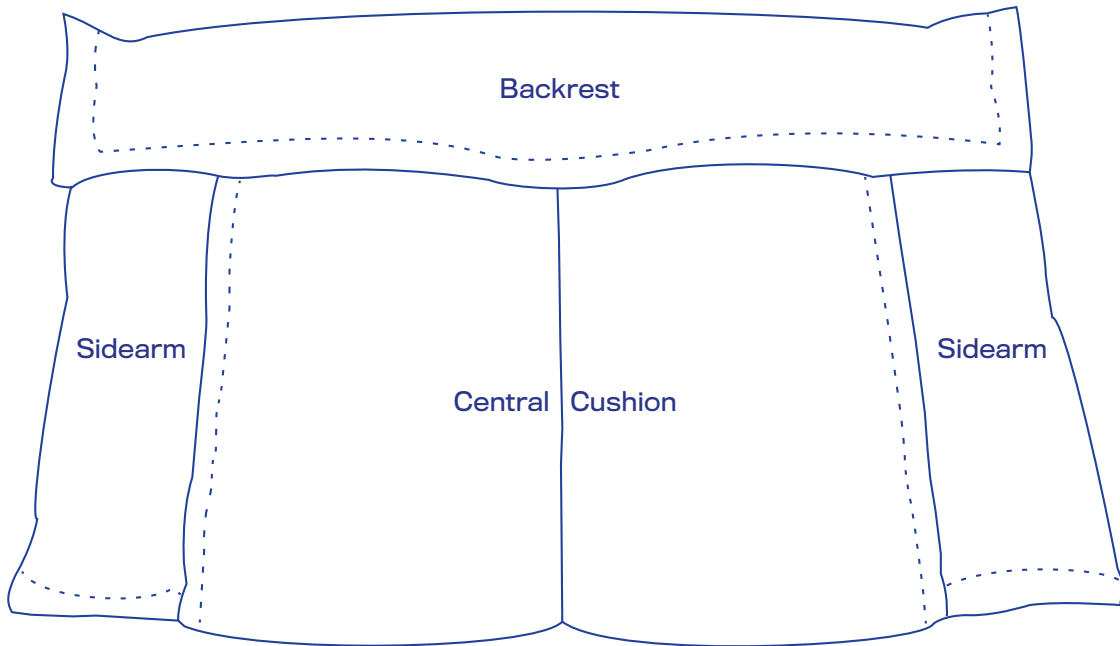


**MAKE AMAZON'S IRRESPONSIBLE SHIPPING WASTE  
INTO A SLEEP SYSTEM FOR STRAYS!**

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## KEY:



## WHAT YOU NEED:

12 Amazon Bubble Mailers (or other plastic mailing envelope)



Heat Sealer

**WARNING**  
ONLY use a heat sealer in a well ventilated area!



Ruler



Tape



Utility Knife or Scissors



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### STEP 1

Find two mailers that are roughly the same size. Stack them together, aligning their bottom (closed) ends.

Trim off the top (open) ends of the mailers below the tear perforations using a ruler and utility knife (or scissors). Trim off the sides as well.



Align



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### STEP 2

Remove the tape and unfold the mailers. If there are any areas that are still sealed, you can separate them by gently pulling them apart. You should now have two deconstructed mailers that are roughly the same size.



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### STEP 3

Stack the two deconstructed mailers with the bubbles facing outward (Amazon logos in) and align them on one of their long edges.

Place one of the stacked, long-edged sides on the heat sealer to fuse the mailers together following the sealer's instructions. The sealer may need to be applied more than once in the same location to achieve a strong bond. **BE CAREFUL** not to overheat the mailers as they can melt completely through.

Rotate the mailers as necessary to completely seal the long-edged sides together.



Stacked  
Deconstructed  
Mailers



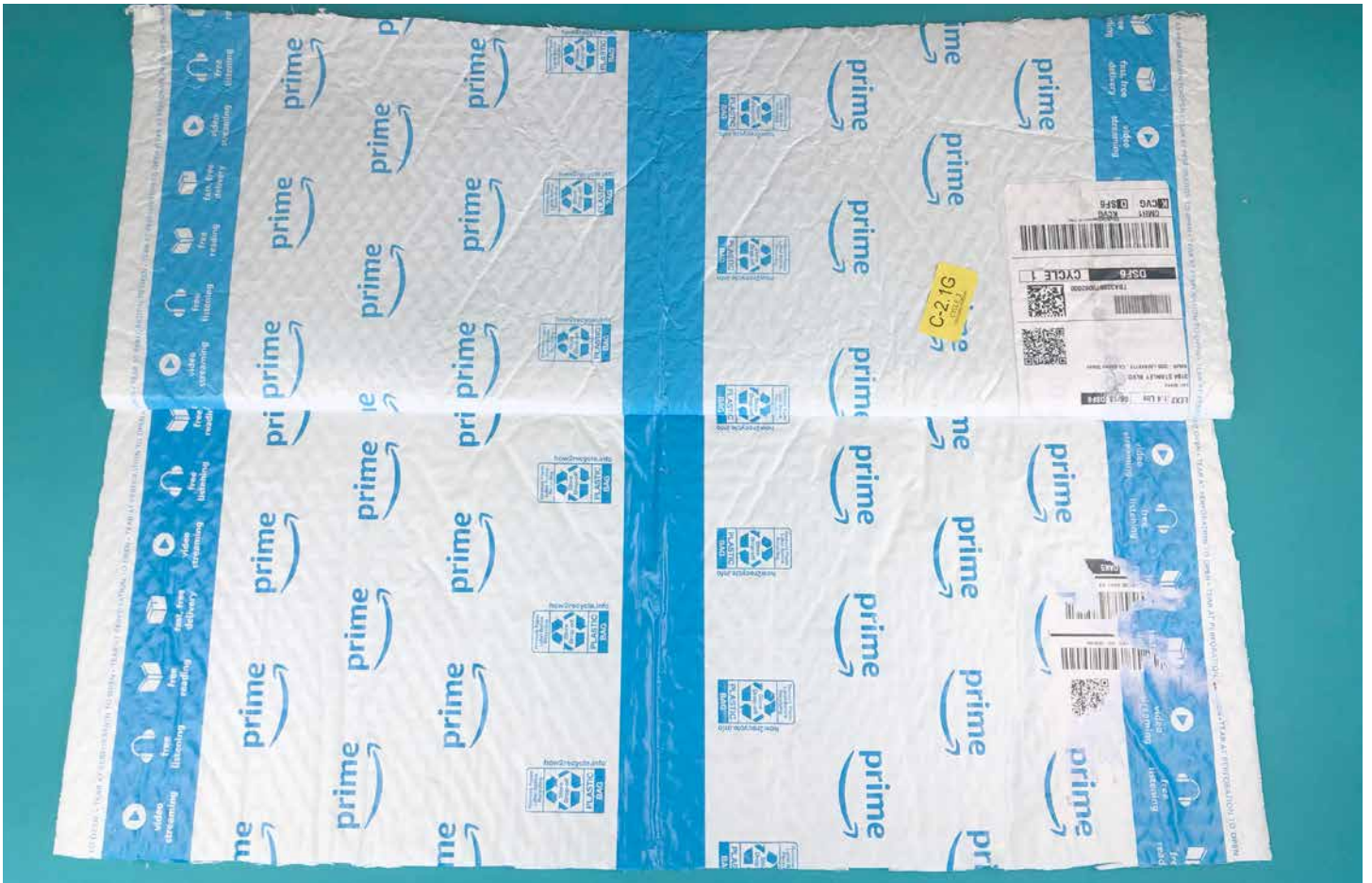
Heat Seal one  
Long Edge

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### STEP 4

Remove the tape and unfold. The two mailers should now be sealed down the middle. This piece will make up the central cushion of the sleep system.



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### STEP 5

Grab another mailer roughly the size of the first two. Trim off the top (open) end and sides like in step 2.

Lay the deconstructed mailer flat and trim it across the seam of the fold. You should now have two mailer halves that are roughly the same size. These will make up the sidearms of the sleep system.



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### STEP 6

Fold one of these halves, or sidearms, and tape its long edge together. Heat seal its short edge. Lay it flat with the long, taped edge on the right. Trim off a one-inch strip from the front half of its top (short) edge, leaving the back half intact. Remove the tape.

Repeat this step for another sidearm, but after sealing the bottom edge, lay it flat with the long, taped edge on the left. The two sidearms should be mirror images of each other.





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### STEP 7

Now you can attach the sidearms to the central cushion.

Align the long, open edge of one sidearm next to one of the short edges of the central cushion. The sealed, bottom edge of the sidearm should lineup with the connected long edge of the cushion, and the sidearm's trimmed edge should face up. Sandwich the long, open edge of the sidearm inside the short edge of the cushion and heat seal them together. Repeat this step for the other sidearm.

You now have the base of the sleep system complete, with its top edge still open.



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### STEP 8

Stuff 3-4 flat mailers into the central cushion through its top edge, leaving enough room to seal them in by checking to make sure the two sides of the top edge can still touch.



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### STEP 9

Roll another mailer long-ways and stuff it inside one of the sidearms, making sure the top edges of the sidearm can still touch. Repeat this process for the other sidearm.



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### STEP 10

To make the backrest, grab another mailer that is at least half the total length of the base you've created. Trim its top edge and sides like in step 2. Unfold the mailer. It should be at least as long as the base. This will be the sleep system's backrest.



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### STEP 11

Fold the mailer in half long-ways and heat seal each short edge. Grab two more mailers. Roll them short-ways and stuff them into the backrest.



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### STEP 12

Sandwich the one-inch strip at the top edge of the base into the open edge of the backrest. Heat seal the two together.

You can tape the two pieces together prior to heat sealing to keep them aligned. Flip and rotate the sleep system as necessary to fully seal it.



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San Francisco,  
CA 94103

Toni's Kitty Rescue  
415 Buena Vista Ave E  
San Francisco,  
CA 94117

Muttville Senior  
Dog Rescue  
255 Alabama Street  
San Francisco,  
CA 94103