AQG Dog Bed Instructions

Dog Beds and Quilters? Two sure things about quilters - if you quilt, you'll have scraps and secondly, you're also creative!

After you've created every possible quilt item, those scraps of fabric, trimmings, and scraps of batting (**chopped up smaller than a credit card**) find a much-needed and useful destination..... Dog Beds!

Currently, AQG members make and donate dog beds, here locally, to Humane Fort Wayne off Lake Avenue. AQG Dog Bed Chair makes the shells, donates the beds, and coordinates this project. These go to cats too, but we refer to them as dog beds.

Here's how it works:

Step one -
Pick up a dog bed shell from the philanthropy table at any guild meeting.

Step two -
Fill the empty dog bed shell with fabric scraps, fabric trimmings, and batting **scraps chopped up smaller than a credit card**.

The idea is for the dog bed to be supportive but pliable, so the dogs can circle around and around and make their "nest" the way dogs like. So **do not stuff them over full/hard**. But put in enough so the dogs are cushioned from the hard floor.

Please turn the edge under and sew the beds shut if you are able, if you are not sure/able, you can leave them "open" and the AQG Dog Bed Chair will sew them shut.

Note - the dog bed shells are made from heavy denim or thick upholstery fabric. If you have heavy fabric and would like to make your own shells, that is great, but you need to look at the construction of the ones the AQG Dog Bed Chair makes first. There is a specific way to make the corners. If you look at one of the AQG Dog Bed Chair's empty shells, you will understand.

The beds can be any size, for large dogs or small dogs or cats.

What does Humane Fort Wayne do with the beds? They make them available in their shop to families adopting animals. This helps the families with pet expenses. It also raises much needed monies for the shelter.

