

1. Once you decide the size of the slings you want, figure the length of the fabric you will need.
 - a. For this example, I wanted the top to be approximately 12 inches in length, the bottom to be approximately 18 inches in length, and the overall width to be 15 inches.
 - b. Add the two length measurements together to get your total cut length. Add 1 inch to the length and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to the width for seams.
 - i. For this example, my cut measurements came out to 31 inches by $15\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Cut this size out of the cotton material as well as the fleece.
2. Put the two pieces of material together with correct sides facing each other. Pin around the edges.
 - a. Use a straight stitch to stitch around the edges. Be sure to leave an opening about 6 inches long to flip the material right-side-out.
3. Once you have the material flipped so the right side of it is out, iron and pin the hole so that you can stitch it closed. Use a straight stitch.



4. Cut 4 lengths of ribbon 5 inches long to make your ribbon ties. Melt the ends to keep them from fraying.



5. Fold the fabric in half length-wise with the fleece on the inside. Pin the ends together with two of the ribbon ties in either corner.



6. Measure the length of the top sling and pin a fold at that point. Pin the other two ties in these corners.



7. Using a decorative but sturdy stitch sew across the sides to hold the ties in place and provide support for the slings. You can stop here or move on to the following steps to create a bowl shape for the bottom sling.

8. To create a “bowl” shape in the bottom sling, measure about 4 inches from the ties and tack it down with a straight stitch. I chose 4 inches for this example, but you can decide what works best for your cozy den.



9. Once your four corners are stitched to make the “bowl”, trim any excess threads from your cozy den and let your ferrets enjoy!

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