



## *Freckles' Cuddle Bed*



*Whimsy Couture*



Let me introduce you to Freckles! Freckles is one of many rescued dogs that were abused. He is the first dog who got his own pattern to benefit the Rescue. Proceeds from the sale of the pattern will go towards his medical care and towards helping many other dogs rescued by Noah's Arks Rescue organization. Read his story here:

[http://www.noahs-arks.net/RESCUE/FRECKLES\\_Too.html](http://www.noahs-arks.net/RESCUE/FRECKLES_Too.html)

With the purchase of this pattern you are helping many wonderful dogs in need. 100% of the proceeds of the sale of this pattern will be donated by Whimsy Couture directly to Noah's Arks Rescue: <http://www.noahs-arks.net/RESCUE/HOME.html> THANK YOU!!

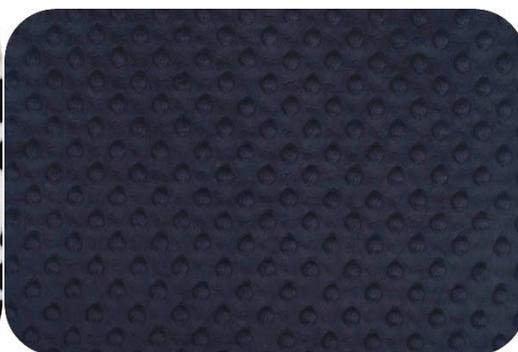
This pattern was written by Whimsy Couture.

The cuddly soft material was donated by Shannon Fabrics <http://www.shannonfabrics.com> to support this cause and this patterns' production. Freckles bed is made with these two fabrics:

**Cuddle Dalmatian White/Black**



**Cuddle Dimple Black**



**List of required materials:**

- Cuddle fabric
- Thread
- Sewing machine
- Regular needle or stretch/knit needle
- Cutting mat
- Scissors
- Straight pins
- Clear tape
- Poly-Fil® Premium Polyester Fiberfill by Fairfield or similar (size S=12-18oz., size M=24oz., size L=28-35oz.)
- Vacuum or lint roller (sticky brush)
- Basic sewing supplies, as needed

**Seam allowance:** 3/8" unless stated otherwise

**Size:**

Freckles is a Pit Bull who will have an estimated body weight of 35-40 lbs. once fully grown. This bed has a finished size of 32"x40" to accommodate his size. I don't recommend going any bigger since it wouldn't be as easy to wash. You can go smaller for smaller dog breeds-- even cats would enjoy this comfy bed!

**Cutting guide:**

Size Large is Freckles' bed size and it also would be the right size for a larger dog up to about 50-60 lbs. Medium would be for dogs up to about 30 lbs. and small would be for the little guys like Chihuahuas, Dachshunds, etc. and also cats.

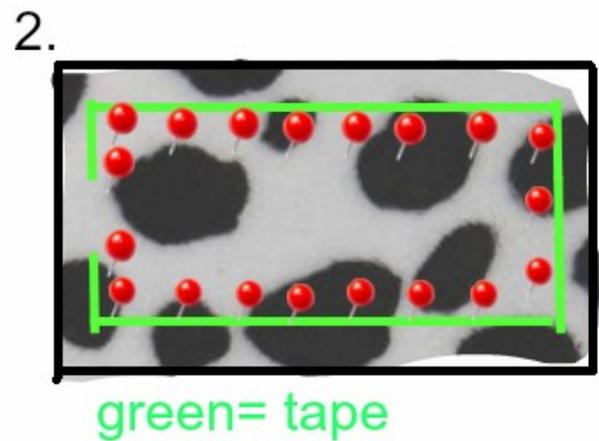
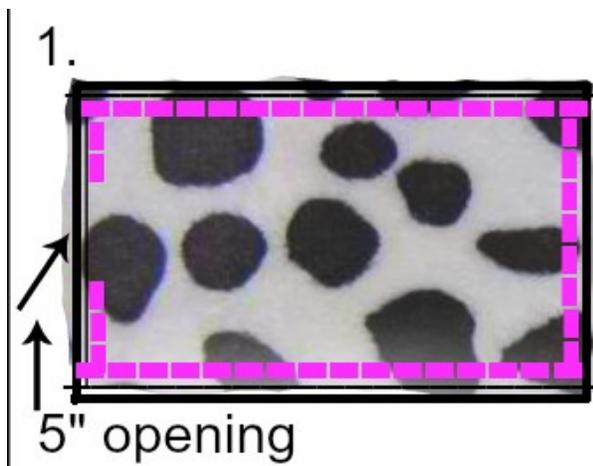
Bed size	Cut 2 pieces length x width	Yardage x 2	<b>Bolster width</b>
Large: 32x40"	36x42"	1 yard	5"
Medium: 22x30"	26x32"	¾ yard	5"
Small: 17x25"	21x27"	2/3 yard	4.5"

**Tip:** to remove most of the fuzz, throw your cut pieces and a damp towel into the dryer and set it on very low- low heat for about 10 minutes.

**Sewing instructions:**

1. Place both pieces of fabric with right sides together and pin every inch. Machine sew along pink dashed line, leaving a 5" opening on one of the short sides. Backstitch the beginning and end.
2. Turn bed cover with right sides out and lay flat. Cuddle fabric will lay a bit wrinkled so make sure all the wrinkles or waves are flat and the seams are even. Following the **BOLSTER WIDTH** guide from above, stick tape around the inside of the cover as marked with the green line. Leave an opening next to the cover opening of 5". Place straight pins along the inner perimeter of the taped area in order to keep the two layers from shifting. Again, keep the opening free.

Sew with a stretch stitch or slight zigzag stitch along the tape line, preserving the opening. Backstitch the beginning and end.



Remove the pins and the tape.

**Time to stuff the bolster:**

Take a handful of fill from <http://www.fairfieldworld.com> and insert it into one side of the bolster. Push it all the way in until you reach the other small end's center. Keep inserting fiberfill until that side is gently stuffed. Don't overstuff it. It should still be squishy:



Repeat with other bolster side and stuff it in the same way. You want to keep the opening free of stuffing for now.

**Time to stuff the center:**

Take a handful of fill and stuff the center of this bed until it's full but not packed:



Push all the fill to the center/back so you will have the opening lay flat again, without having fiberfill interfere. Make sure the two layers of the bed near the opening will match, and that one is not longer than the other. Place straight pins every inch, and tape for accuracy so you can close the opening with your machine easily by sewing along the tape edge:



Close the opening with your machine. Backstitch the beginning and end.

Time to stuff the remainder of the bolster by the opening. Adjust the fill to make sure it looks even but then push it away from the opening to let your opening layer lay flat. Pin in place. Either hand stitch or machine stitch the opening closed. Backstitch the beginning and end:



Rearrange the fill to make it look even in bolster and in the center of your bed.

All done! Now get your furry friend and let him/her try it out! ☺



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**Washing/drying instructions:** wash on low to medium heat with a little detergent. Dry on very low heat for at least 30-45 min to make sure all moisture is gone. Fluff once dry.

Happy pets on their beds: Fabrics are all from Shannon Fabrics.



For more Cuddle projects please visit the sites below.

You can find Shannon Fabrics Cuddle at your local fabric store or quilt shop. Here are a few stores across the country that carry a wide selection: Fabric Depot, Beverly's Fabrics, and Mary Jo's Cloth Store. You can also find Cuddle through many other online retailers.

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