

# Patriotic Pet Bed

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*Patriotic pride and pet comfort—all in one! Basic pillow construction and a single digital panel are all you need for this striking pet bed.*

## Fabric Requirements\* (as shown)

- 1 Flag USA Digital Cuddle® Panel Navy

## Suggested Notions

- Batting, 2 (22" x 27")
- Polyester filling for stuffing or 18" x 18" x 3" foam insert
- 2½ yards, cotton piping cord, ½" diameter —or—  
2½ yards, *Purchased cording*
- 90/14 stretch machine needle
- Polyester thread
- Felt tip marker or ballpoint pen
- Rotary cutter and mat
- Micro-serrated scissors and/or craft knife
- Long, flower head pins
- Fabric clips
- Basting spray
- Walking foot
- Zipper foot (optional)

*Pattern designed by Ryn Baxter for Shannon Fabrics.*

*Pattern includes option for self-made or purchased piping.*

*Instructions for dog toy not included.*



*For more information on sewing with Cuddle®,  
scan the QR code or go to:  
[offers.shannonfabrics.com/beginner](https://offers.shannonfabrics.com/beginner)*



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Every effort has been taken to assure the accuracy herein.

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## DIRECTIONS

- Read *Cuddle® Basics* before beginning.

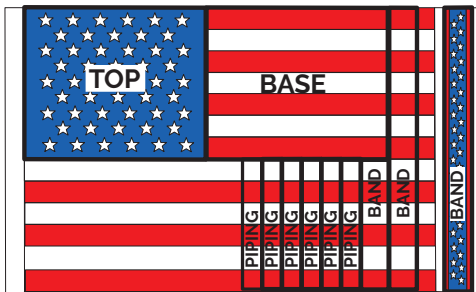
Right Side

Wrong Side

## Cutting

Follow the chart to cut the Flag Panel:

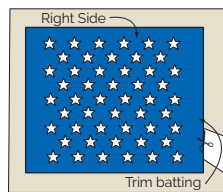
- 2 (19" x 23") rectangles — or —  
2 (19" x 19") if using foam insert,  
*Top and Base.*
- 2 (3½" x 36") strips, plus  
1 (6½" x 16") strip, *Bands.*
- 6 (2½" x 16") strips, *Piping.*



## Assembly

### Add the batting

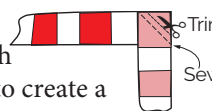
1. Spray baste wrong side of pillow Top and Base. Smooth each onto a batting piece.
2. Baste around the Top and Base using a ⅜" seam allowance.
3. Trim batting to the edge.



### Create the piping

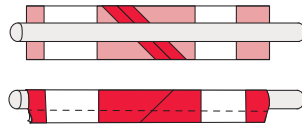
Note: If using purchased piping, skip to: Sew the Piping to the Top Circle.

1. With nap going in the same direction, join piping strips with diagonal seams to create a single strip.



2. Place cording down the center of the wrong side of the Piping.

Tip: Spray baste wrong side of Piping to hold cording in place as you sew.



3. Loosely fold the Piping over the cording. Baste ½" from the raw edges to enclose the cording.

### Sew the Piping to the Top

1. Leaving a 4" tail, pin the Piping around the Top.

Note: Keep the cut edge of the Piping aligned with the cut edge of the Top.

2. Beginning 4" from the start, sew Piping to Top. Stop 4" before reaching the end of the Piping.

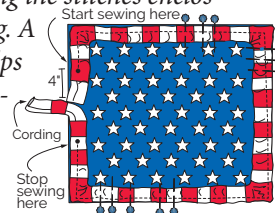
Note: Sew along the stitches enclosing the cording. A zipper foot helps keep the stitching line snug.

3. Pin the last inches of Piping to meet the beginning. Mark 1" beyond the place they meet. On that mark, cut Piping and cording.

4. At each end, unpick 1" of basting stitches. Sew ends together.

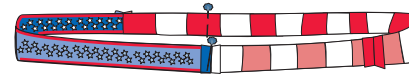
Note: Pull the cording out of the way while sewing the Piping.

5. Trim cording ends to fit. Sew last 8" of Piping to Top.



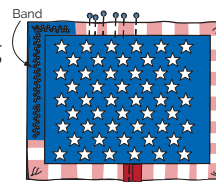
## Prepare the Band

1. Sew ends of the three Band strips together to form one strip.
2. Trim strip to 75". Sew the loose ends together to create a circle.
3. With a seam at one end, fold the Band in half. Mark fold.



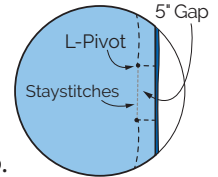
## Attach the Band to the Top

1. Fold the Top in half vertically. Pin mark the folds.
2. With nap going away from the Top, match the Band seam to the Base pin mark. Pin top Band mark to top center mark.
3. Continue to pin the Band to the Top, sandwiching the Piping between the two layers.
4. Sew the Band to the Front.



## Finishing

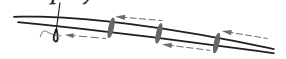
1. Mark a 5" turning gap on the Base. Staystitch between marks. Staystitch a corresponding 5" gap on Band.
2. Pin the Base to the Band. Pin at the corresponding corners first, then pin the sides.
3. Sew Base to Band, leaving the 5" gap open for turning. Sew L-Pivots at gap.



Note: L-Pivots secure seam ends as the pillow is turned and helps the seam allowance turn in at the gap.

4. Turn pillow right side out. Insert foam form or stuff as desired.
5. Pin the turning gap closed. Hand sew with a ladder stitch.

Ladder Stitch: Use polyester thread and a hand sewing needle



to catch one side of the opening, then the other. Tighten every few stitches.

## Cuddle® Basics

1. Seam allowances are ½" unless otherwise noted.
2. Use a felt tip marker or ballpoint pen to trace appliques or mark measurements on reverse side of Cuddle®.
3. Cut Cuddle® with a rotary cutter, craft knife, or scissors.
4. Shake cut pieces or put in a no-heat dryer with a damp washcloth for a few minutes to remove loose fibers.
5. Sew with polyester thread in the top and the bobbin.
6. Reduce presser foot pressure when sewing multiple layers.
7. Increase stitch length to 3–4 mm.
8. Double pin by using 2 rows of pins—the first row every 1½" along the seam line and a second row 1" to the left and parallel to the cut edge.
9. Backstitch at the beginning and end of each seam.
10. Use an even-feed or walking foot, if possible. It makes a difference!

