

Building A Feral Cat Shelter



Shelter Components:

- An 18- to 20-gallon tote with a lid
- Straw (never use hay or blankets)
- Six pieces of 1-inch-thick insulation cut to fit your tote—two long, two short, one bottom, and one top.



Gather Your Tools:

- Jigsaw
- Box cutter or serrated knife
- Pen or pencil
- Heavy-duty duct tape

Helpful Tips:

- Insulation should "squeak" when put in place; pieces should be as snug as possible
- Smooth out any air bubbles under tape so the adhesive doesn't dry out
- Drill several holes in bottom of tote to allow for drainage

Step 1

Cut a hole about 5 inches in diameter and at least 6 inches from the bottom of the tote on its long side.



Step 2

Insert the long (front and back) pieces first.

Step 3

Insert the short (side) pieces and then the bottom. These should be very snug and "squeak" when put in place.





Step 4

If short pieces aren't snug enough, use heavy-duty duct tape to secure short pieces to the side of the tote. Ensure no air bubbles are under the tape or the adhesive will dry out.

Step 5

Using a pen or pencil, outline the entrance hole on the insulation and cut out hole.



Step 6

Tape the bottom of the hole to hold the foam tight against the bin so water doesn't get in. Overlap each piece of tape. There should be no air bubbles under the tape.



Step 7

Fill your bin with straw—making a nest and packing the straw higher on the sides.

Step 8

Secure your top piece of insulation and the tote's lid, and tape lids down with no air bubbles under tape.

