

## Hammocks For Wildlife

The three parts of each hammock: Fabric, Filler, Flannel.

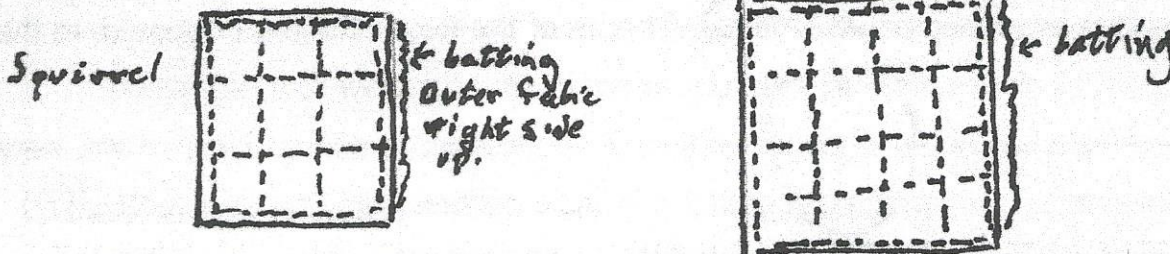
**Fabric:** heavy if possible - drapery or upholstery fabric or other heavy fabric for raccoons. We use sheets or remnants for squirrels. No seams.

**Filler:** We use mattress pads, towels, blankets or store bought polyester. Only filler can be pieced.

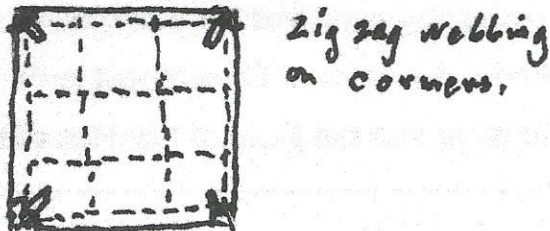
**Flannel:** Sheets are ideal, but any soft fabric will do, but nothing knitted.

For squirrel hammocks cut fabric in 20 inch squares, We use a cardboard template. Make sure your template is accurate as it makes it easier. For raccoon hammocks cut 27" squares. Cut same size for filler and flannel.

Pin and sew filler to WRONG side of outer fabric. Sew a tit tat toe pattern through both pieces and then sew around the perimeter. The filler should be on the bottom.



**Tabs:** Cut four 5" pieces of twill tape, nylon webbing or anything heavy enough to support the animal. We use hems cut off edges of fabric we have used. Fold each piece in half to form a loop and place one in each corner on the RIGHT side of the quilted fabric on a diagonal and zig zag.



With right sides together pin and stitch the quilted outer fabric square to flannel square leaving an opening to allow turning the square right side out. Turn square right side out pulling on the tabs at each corner to be sure the square is completely extended. Top stitch around the whole square including the opening and zig zagging the tabs at the corners and the opening. Sometimes the corners are too thick to sew easily so I give them a pinch with pliers.

We buy inexpensive Chinese serger thread at Jo Ann's Fabric since we use miles of it, but it comes in cones so you need a special stand to hold the cone. We get material from friends (especially rehabbers), thrift shops, remnant counters, and yard sales.

