Rubbermaid Cat Shelter

The shelter built on this page utilizes the 18-Gallon Rubbermaid Tote and is most suitable for 1 Feral Cat. For 2+ cats, simply replicate these instructions using the 36 Gallon Tote and a larger Styrofoam Cooler.

Often times cats will resist entering a shelter with only one exit as it puts them in a vulnerable position to predatory dangers. You may need to cut another hole on the opposite side to motivate colony cats to use your rubbermaid shelter.

As the cats grow accustomed to their new shelter, it may be desirable to add additional protection from wind or other elements by placing a door flap made of heavy plastic or vinyl to each entrance of your rubbermaid shelter.



Supplies: (1) Rubbermaid Tote-18 Gallon, (2) Styrofoam Cooler, (3) Hay or Straw, (4) Duct Tape, (5) Exacto Knife



Step 2: Insert your StyroFoam cooler insulation and cut a matching 6" diameter hole to match the tote.



Step 4: Add your Styrofoam lid for added insulation. Secure lid in place with a few pieces of duct tape.



Step 1: Start by cutting a 6" diameter hole in the tote to act as an entrance or exit. *Always cut away from your body*



Step 3: Add hay or straw in and around the Styrofoam cooler for added insulation, using as much as possible.



Step 5: Complete by adding your lid back onto the tote. You may want to place additional duct tape on the lid as well.

