



Easy & Affordable Cat Shelter

Supplies you will need:

- A 32+ gallon plastic storage tub.
- Foam rubber, polystyrene, or aluminum bubble foil insulation
- Duct tape
- Straw
- Saw or wire cutters

You can find most of these supplies at Fred Meyer, Target, or Wal-Mart. Hardware stores typically carry the bubble foil insulation.



Bubble foil insulation

Measure and mark a 5” square at least a few inches from the bottom from one side of the plastic tub. Cut out the square with either wire cutters or a saw. A five-inch square allows cats to pass through, but is not large enough for raccoons.

Once you have cut out the opening, use duct tape to cover the rough edges.

Using a drill, make some ventilation holes along the groove near the top of the tub.

Cut the foam rubber or insulation to fit the sides of the storage tub and the inside of the container’s lid. Secure with duct tape.









Fill the containers with a generous layer of straw. Push your hand into the opening in the bottom to provide a path through the straw and into the container for the cats. Press down on the straw in the center of the container. If you have multiple cats, make room for two or three snuggling together. Using a weatherproof marker, label the tub “Cat Shelter” on the lid to prevent tampering.

Avoid using blankets, towels, and other types of cloth because they collect moisture. Straw will help and keep the cats properly insulated in cold temperatures.