

Make a winter Cat Shelter

Help keep community cats warm in the winter! You can make them a simple shelter from a Rubbermaid® Roughneck® storage tote. You will also need a styrofoam cooler to fit inside the tote, a box cutter, a black marker, duct tape and some straw.



Trace a hole on the tote 6 inches in diameter. The hole should be a few inches off the ground.



Cut the hole out of the tote using the box cutter.



Put the cooler inside the tote. Use the hole in the tote to trace a matching 6-inch-diameter hole on the cooler.



Cut the hole out of the cooler using the box cutter.



Add straw in and around the cooler for extra insulation. Use as much as possible.



Put the lid on the cooler. Secure it in place with a few pieces of duct tape.



Put the lid on the tote. Now your shelter is ready for some cats!

Tips:

- An 18-gallon tote fits one cat.
- Add a door flap made from a piece of vinyl mat to help block the wind.
- Straw is better than hay or blankets for insulation. It stays drier and keeps cats warmer. Replace it every once in a while to keep the shelter clean and dry.