

Squirrel Hammock

16" x 16" Finished Size

Supplies:

16 ½" x 16 ½" – 12 oz. denim or heavy fabric

16 ½" x 16 ½" – flannel

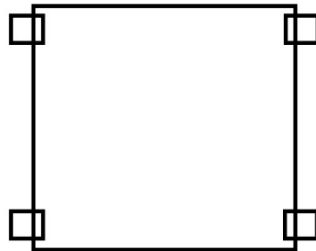
4 – 1 ½" x 1 ½" square canvas/denim/duck cloth (thicker fabric) to reinforce the corners

4 – ¼" Dritz large eyelets or button holes

4 – pieces of 9 ½" Parachute 550 Cord/100% Nylon

Instructions:

- Layout denim and flannel right sides together. Cut a 16 ½" x 16 ½" square.
- Sew around the edges with a ¼" seam. Leave an opening to turn right sides out.
- Cut out 4 - 1 ½" x 1 ½" pieces of canvas/denim/duck cloth to reinforce the corners.
- Sew on the corner reinforcements, (1 ½" x 1 ½" piece of canvas/denim/duck cloth), within the ¼" seam allowance, and ¼" down from the top and bottom edge so the reinforcement will turn easily when the fabric is turned right sides out. The reinforcement square should stick out from the hammock so it will lay flat after turning.



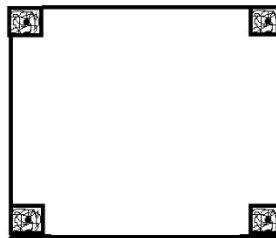
- Turn the 16 ½" x 16 ½" square right sides out. Use a pointed item to turn out the corners.
- Iron the fabric, hammock, turning under a ¼" seam allowance at the opening.
- Sew the open seam shut with a 1/8" seam.
- If there is bulk at the corners, use pliers, hammer or some type of item to compress the seams at the corners.

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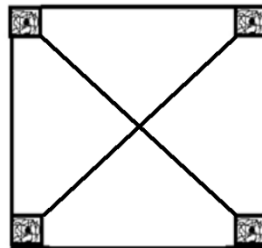
- Sew around the edges with a 1/4" top stitch.



- For the (4) reinforced areas, mark around reinforcement square using painters tape, chalk or any method so you know where the square is located. Mark the middle of the square. You can either put a button hole in that area or punch a hole in the fabrics and put a 1/4" eyelet in the center of the square. Zig zag or free motion sew over the reinforcement area to stabilize it. (You can do this step before or after you put the hole in the fabric. For the eyelet, it is easier to reinforce the area before you put in the eyelet, leaving a space in the middle for the eyelet.)

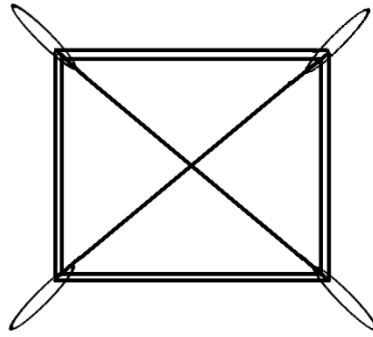


- Sew an X pattern across the cover to keep the two layers together.



- Cut 4 pieces of Parachute 550 Cord/100% Nylon, 9 1/2" long. Seal the ends with heat to keep from fraying. (Make sure you only melt the very ends. You can't sew through the melted Parachute 550 Cord/100% Nylon.)
- Put the piece of Parachute 550 Cord/100% Nylon through each hole (button hole or eyelet) in the Squirrel Hammock. Overlap the Parachute 550 Cord/100% Nylon by 1". Either sew the Paracord together by hand using heavy duty thread or machine stitch together. You want the Paracord to stick out 3" from the hammock.
- Sew (tack) the Parachute 550 Cord/100% Nylon on the back of the hammock where it overlaps with heavy duty thread by hand.

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- For hanging options:
 - You can hang the hammocks by 4 carabiners
 - Loop the Parachute 550 Cord over hooks
 - Use dog leash clasp snap hooks (swivel eye snap hooks)