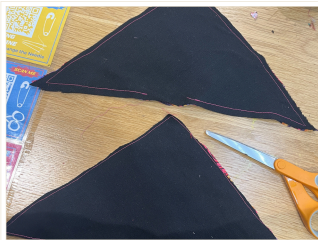


# Idea Lab

## GABBY'S INSTRUCTIONS: RAT HAMMOCK

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1. Cut two squares of two different fabrics. I usually do one patterned side and one solid colored felt fabric (softer for the rats to sleep on).
2. Fold in half and cut into triangles. Now there are two triangles of the pattern and two triangles of the solid color.
3. Lay and pin the pattern and solid on top of one another, with the “right” sides together.
4. Sew along the edges, but leave a small opening on one side so you can flip it right side out.
5. Trim the excess fabric.
6. Flip the hammock right side out.
7. Sew along the edges of the hammock once again, being sure to seal the opening.
8. In high school, I used grommets for each of the corners, but here, I just sewed an extra piece of solid colored fabric to the corners to reinforce them. The first hammocks I made got incredibly chewed up at the corners by the rats!
9. Repeat for as many hammocks as you want to make!