

## Building Instructions for Elevated Dog Bed



You will make a better bed if you have **2 people** working together, one to fold and hold, one to drill. We had folks attempting to fold and screw by themselves and the results are not as tight and neat as if you have 2 people. It is critical to get the corners neat and tight or the dogs will chew on anything they can grip. In the shelters, the pvc and cloth are the most chewable thing, and they will try to chew it.



- 1 Attach pipe to corner pieces with all open corner holes facing up.



- 2 Use a hammer on each corner to firmly hit each side to force the legs into the corner pieces. Don't worry about hitting hard, pvc is strong.

- 3 No picture. Insert legs in holes, turn bed over and hit the top of each corner 1-2 times to be sure legs are in as far/tight as they can be. This should be done on a concrete/hard surface.



- 4 Lay cloth on a flat surface and lay the frame on top of cloth, with legs pointing up. Center the frame on the cloth.



- 5 Fold cloth corners under frame, but be sure to keep frame centered on cloth when doing this.

note: fold of cloth, (2nd picture), should be centered just inside of corner piece)

this is a finished corner



**6** Take one side of cloth, make 2 one-half inch-ish folds. Wrap cloth around pipe. Cloth should hit the center of the pvc on the bottom side of the frame



**7** Place one screw in the mid point of the PVC and screw the cloth to the PVC.

Be sure that the screw goes thru the folds of the cloth. Be sure to stop drilling when screw is flush with cloth. Over screwing will strip the pvc and create a loose screw hold.

**8** No Picture: Evenly space 6 screws on bottom side of each leg.



**9** Screw one screw to the opposite side of the frame, then use channel locks to tighten frame. This will tighten the cloth.

**IMPORTANT:** Do not use channel locks on top of cloth, it will tear it. Wedge channel locks under cloth to tighten. Tighten so cloth is taught, then screw in rest of screws on that side. Follow the same procedure for the remaining 2 sides. This really is the most important step. The canvas should snap like a drum!



**10** Place 2 screws on the bottom of 2 opposite corners so they hold the legs & stop them from turning under the weight of dog on bed.



**11** On top side of the bed, place 5 screws thru the cloth and into the corner of the pvc corner piece. This is the easiest part of the bed to chew.

If the frame is wobbly on the floor, put the frame on its side, legs facing you, and twist the legs a bit