

How to Make an Opossum Pouch

WildCare's Wildlife Hospital admits a large number of orphaned baby opossums.

These babies are used to traveling in the marsupium (pouch) of their mother, so keeping them in a pouch-like environment makes them more comfortable and improves the success of their care.

If you know how to sew, you can make Opossum Pouches that our Opossum Foster Care Team will use to raise the orphaned babies at WildCare!

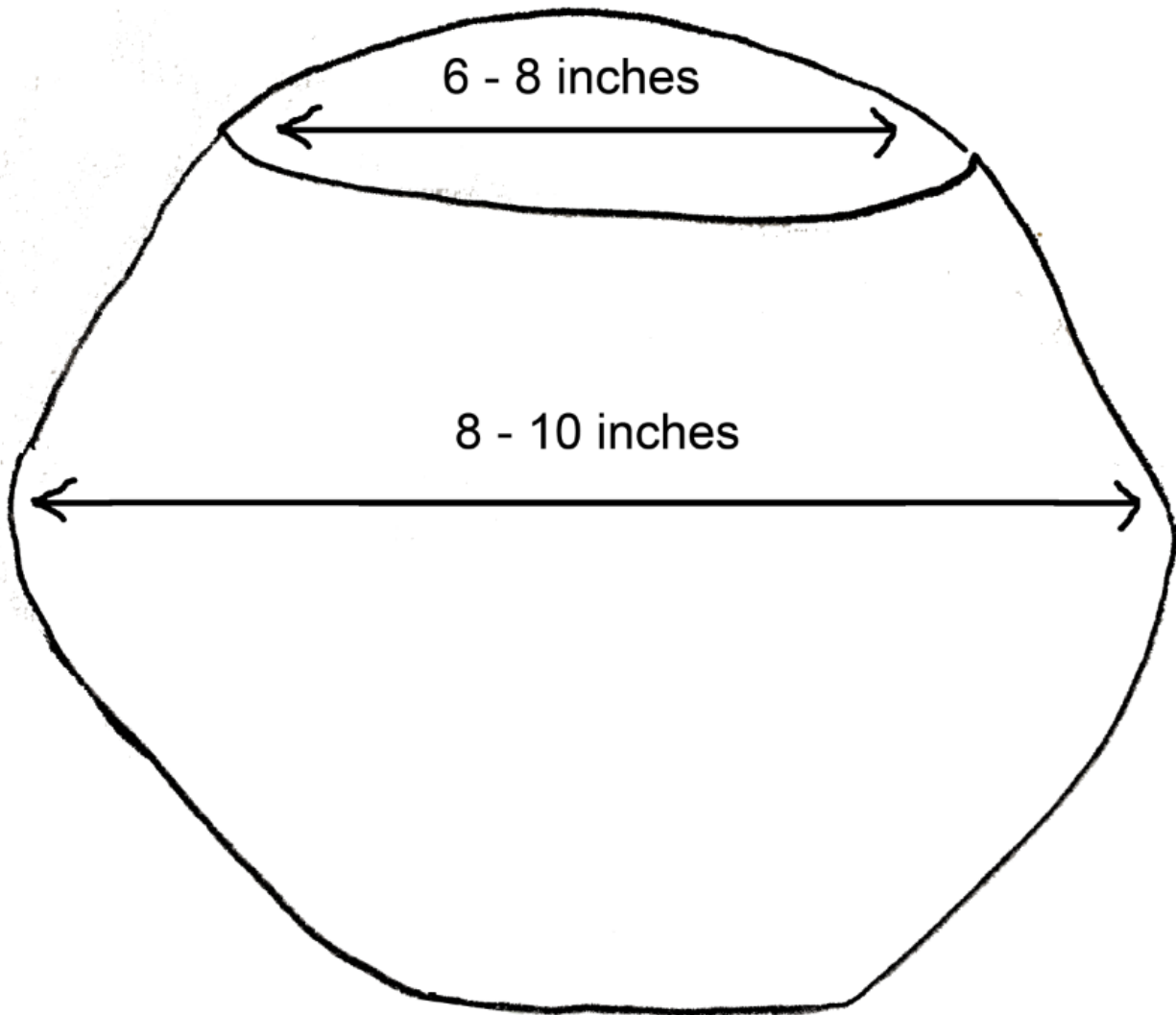
An Opossum Pouch should:

- Measure approximately 10" across at its widest point.
- Have an opening (mouth) that measures 6" – 8"
- Be wider in the middle than it is at the opening.
- Have no open seams or entangling threads
- Be made of soft fabric—the best Opossum Pouches are fleece fabric on the inside and flannel fabric on the outside. This makes them cozy, durable, washable and reversible!

Please note: Because of the risk of entanglement to our baby opossums, we are not able to use hand-stitched Opossum Pouches. To be useful in animal care, pouches should be machine-sewn and "finished" to prevent open seams or dangling threads.

These tiny opossum babies are in a fleecy pouch that's perfect for them.





This sketch of an Opossum Pouch (not drawn to scale) shows the desired shape. The pouch should be somewhat diamond shaped with a 6" – 8" opening.

Send completed pouches to:

WildCare
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76 Albert Park Lane
San Rafael, CA 94901

And please consider including a donation to help us with these wonderful babies' care!