

# CATS



## Sock Fish Cat Toy

Source: [kittyclism.com](http://kittyclism.com)

### Supplies

1. A sock you don't care about (preferably an ankle sock).
2. Something to stuff your sock with. Choose stuffings that are "edible" in case the cat tears open the sock. Paper or cotton work well.
3. Catnip (optional)
4. A sharpie or other permanent marker (optional, for drawing faces).



### Instructions

1. Stuff the sock with paper/cotton and some catnip (optional)
2. Tie a knot.
3. Optional: Add a face!

## Rope Toy

Source: [irresistiblepets.net](http://irresistiblepets.net)

### Supplies

1. 1-3 old shirts or spare fabric
2. Scissors

### Instructions

1. Cut the t-shirts into strips; you'll need nine for each rope toy.
2. Twist the strips together and tie the tops into a knot.
3. Separate the strips into three sections and braid.
4. Tie a knot at the end.



## Cat Puzzle Feeder

Source: [www.fourwhitepaws.net](http://www.fourwhitepaws.net)

### Supplies

1. Toilet paper rolls
2. Tissue box or other small box
3. Glue gun

### Instructions

1. Glue the bottoms of each toilet paper roll to the bottom of the box.
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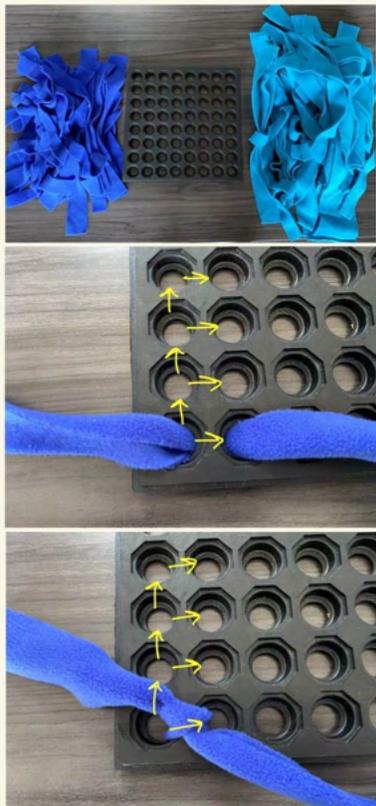
## Snuffle Mat

A snuffle mat is a puzzle game made of strips of fabric. These mats provide mental stimulation by tapping in to an animal's foraging instinct and encouraging them to sniff out their treats. Think of them like mini easter egg hunts for the nose. Snuffle mats are commonly used for dogs, but cats, rabbits, guinea pigs and hamsters enjoy them too!

### Supplies

1. Base mat with gridlines/holes. What material you use is up to you. For disposable snuffle mats that cats can also use for scratching, take stiff cardboard and cut out slits or holes in a grid pattern. For an easy-to-wash snuffle mat, use a sturdy fabric like canvas or upholstery fabric. For very durable snuffle mats, use a rubber mat with holes, like a sink mat or shower mat. The size is also up to you – snuffle mats usually range between 1 to 3 square feet.
2. Fleece, felt, or cotton fabric.

### Instructions



## DIY SNUFFLE MAT

Step 1. Prep your supplies! Clean off your work space, place mat at the center of the table. Cut felt into strips and put them in a pile, separating them by color.

Step 2. Loop felt between mat circles on both sides as the yellow arrows indicate

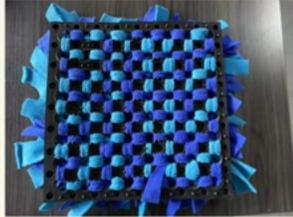
Step 3. Tie the felt into a knot



Step 4. Alternate color between each knot



Step 5. It should look something like this, just keep going down each line alternating colors and tying knots



When it is complete you can flip it over and it will look something like this.

## Cat Grass

### Supplies

1. Planter pot
2. Potting soil
3. Cat grass seeds

### Instructions

1. (Optional) Soak the seeds in water for a few hours, this can help with germination.
2. Spread the seeds in a dense layer on the soil and cover lightly with soil.
3. Spray with a spray bottle or water lightly. These seeds need to be kept moist until they germinate, but you also don't want to oversaturate the soil.
4. Seedlings will emerge in 7-14 days.
5. Place on a sunny windowsill and allow the grass to grow to at least 4 inches before allowing a cat to chew on it.
6. Trim back grass about an inch each week to prevent it from overgrowing.
7. Water sparingly, only when the top two inches of soil are dry.



## Hide & Seek Puzzle Toy

### Supplies

1. Tupperware or somewhat flat cardboard box
2. Boxcutter

### Instructions

1. Using a boxcutter, cut 2-inch circles in a grid across the top and sides of the tupperware or box.



## Catnip Yarn Ball

Source: [familyhandyman.com](http://familyhandyman.com)

### Supplies

1. Styrofoam balls or ping pong balls
2. Catnip
3. Mod podge
4. Hot glue gun
5. Yarn

### Instructions

1. Lightly coat the balls with mod podge and roll them in catnip.
2. Once dried, press the start of the yarn on the ball with a bead of hot glue.
3. Wrap with yarn until well covered, then use hot glue to secure the end of the yarn.



## Box Cat Scratcher

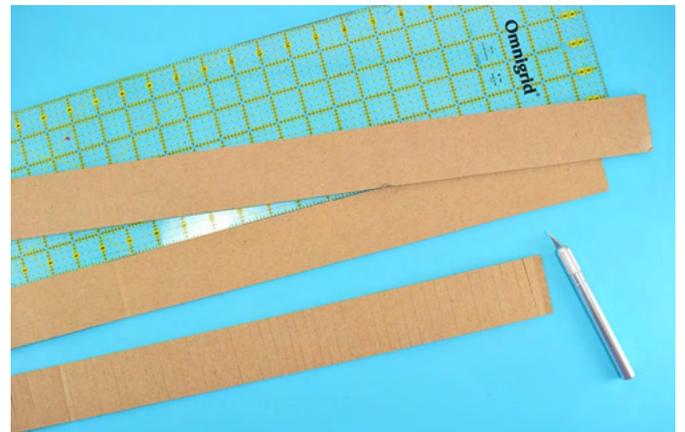
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### Supplies

1. Thick cardboard
2. Glue or glue gun
3. Box cutter
4. Clamps or strong tape

### Instructions

1. Cut the cardboard into 2-inch strips. Make sure to cut so the edge has corrugation.
2. Glue the strips together
3. Clamp until dry or wrap edges with tape.



## Round Cat Scratcher

### Supplies

1. Thick cardboard
2. Box cutter
3. Strong tape

### Instructions

1. Cut the cardboard into 2-inch strips. Make sure to cut so the edge has corrugation.
2. Take one strip, and start rolling the edge into a tight spiral. Once you've rolled the whole piece, tape down the edge.
3. Take a second piece of cardboard and tape it to the roll.
4. Continue rolling and then tape down the edge.
5. Do this until your scratcher measures about one foot in diameter.



## Cardboard House

### Supplies

1. Small cardboard box (about 1x1x2 ft)
2. Boxcutter
3. Tape
4. Acrylic paint
5. Brushes

### Instructions

1. Cut out one or two openings in the side of the box.
2. Paint whatever cute design you'd like.
3. Use tape to secure all the edges.



## Sewable Cat Toys (easy difficulty)

Source: [joythebaker.com](http://joythebaker.com)

These sewable toys are great for first-time sewing!

### Supplies

1. Felt
2. Cotton balls or batting
3. Catnip
4. Embroidery thread
5. Sewing needle
6. Feathers (optional)
7. Glue gun (optional)

### Instructions

1. Cut out felt into small shapes of your choice.
2. If using feathers, use the glue gun to attach them to one felt piece so that part of the feather is sticking out.
3. Take another felt piece of the same shape and join with a [running stitch](#) or [blanket stitch](#) around the edge.
4. Once you've gone halfway around, stuff with cotton and catnip.
5. Continue stitching until you've gone all the way around.
6. If you'd like, you can attach these to wood dowels to make them into wand toys.



## Sewable Cat Toys (easy to medium difficulty)

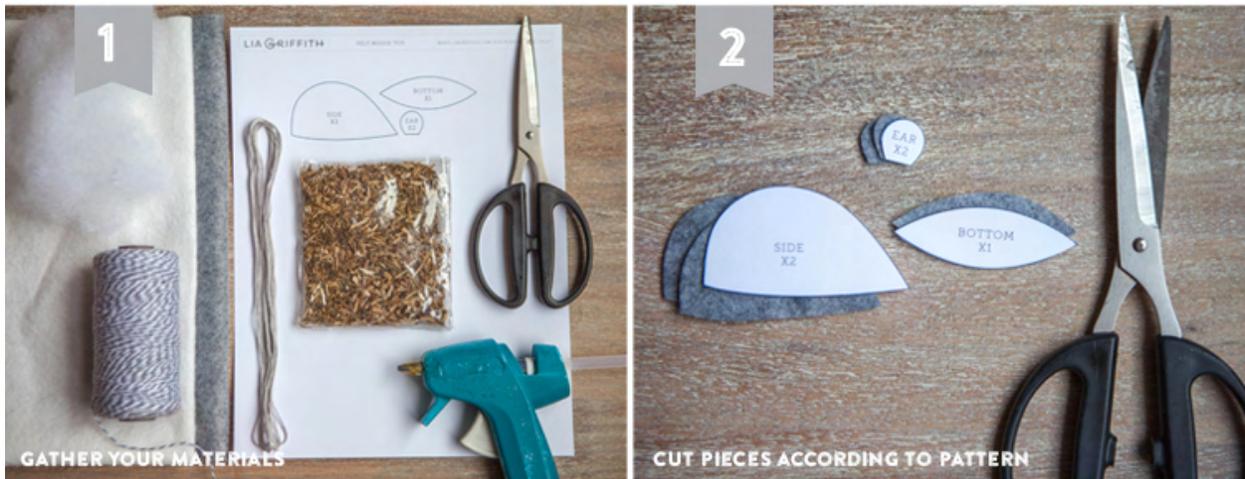
Source: [liagriffith.com](http://liagriffith.com)

For these sewable cat toys, you'll need some basic sewing knowledge. This is a great project for someone looking to practice basic stitches!

### Supplies

1. Felt
2. Embroidery thread
3. Cotton balls or batting
4. Catnip
5. Sewing needle
6. Glue gun

### Instructions





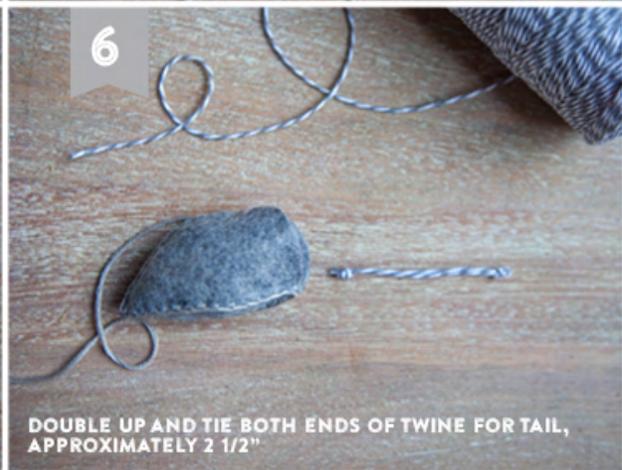
BLANKET STITCH HALFWAY ALONG TOP OF TWO SIDES



BLANKET STITCH BOTTOM PIECE



FILL WITH DRIED CATNIP, LEAVING SPACE FOR STUFFING AT END



DOUBLE UP AND TIE BOTH ENDS OF TWINE FOR TAIL, APPROXIMATELY 2 1/2"



GLUE KNOT AND ATTACH TAIL AS SHOWN



SEW SHUT



GLUE AND PINCH BASE OF EARS



GLUE EARS TO BODY; SEW TO REINFORCE



STITCH NOSE AS SHOWN



ADD A FRENCH KNOT FOR EYE



POKE THROUGH OTHER SIDE AND REPEAT STEP 13

