



# AT HOME SERVICE PROJECTS



DIY Projects to  
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# CANINE ENRICHMENT AND TOYS

## Braided Rope Toys

### Supplies needed:

- Old t-shirts or fleece fabric
- Scissors

### Instructions:

1. Cut 1 inch-wide strips from your material.
2. Select 3 strips for each toy (for a thicker stronger toy you can use more strips and bunch them together into 3 sections).
3. Tie all of the strips together in a knot at one end.
4. Tightly braid the strips together making sure to leave enough fabric at the end to tie the other knot.
5. Tie the other end of the rope toy to secure it.



# Dog Tug Ball Toy

## Supplies needed:

- Tennis Ball
- About a ½ yard of fabric
- Scissors

## Instructions:

1. Cut fabric into 3 strips – roughly 6” x 14”
2. Lay the strips down on top of each other, all running the same direction.
3. Place the tennis ball in the middle of the strips and tightly wrap the fabric around the tennis ball.
4. Tightly knot the loose ends of the fabric strips securing the tennis ball inside.
5. Cut each loose end into several 2” wide strips.
6. Using three strips at a time braid them into sections. Try to make the braids as tight as possible and be sure to knot the end



# Snuffle Ball

## Supplies needed:

- Fleece or flannel fabric
- Scissors
- A ruler and marker
- Heavy duty thread and needle

## Instructions:

1. Cut two strips of fabric approximately 10” x 30” and place one on top of the other.
2. Cut approximately 1” strips along the length of the fabric leaving about a ruler’s width in the middle uncut.
3. Repeat step two on the other side.
4. Once both sides of the fabric are cut into strips, roll the fabric up as tightly as possible lengthwise along the middle.
5. Using the needle and thread, secure the roll together by sewing through all the layers and wrapping the middle with thread, tying it off when you feel like it is fixed together.
6. Tie knots with the strips along the middle to cover the exposed thread.
7. Shake it out and pull it into shape. You now have your snuffle ball!



# FELINE ENRICHMENT AND TOYS

## Irresistiballs

### Supplies needed:

- Cardboard tube such as a toilet paper or paper towel tube
- Marker
- Pair of scissors
- Non-toxic glue

### Instructions:

1. Cut 4, approximately ½ inch rings from the tube
2. Place the rings inside of each other making a star pattern when looking from the top.
3. Glue between each layer.
4. Color the toy or leave it as is and you are done



# Pompom Ball

## Supplies needed:

- Flexible Cardboard
- Yarn
- Scissors

## Instructions:

1. Cut the cardboard into circle about 4.5” in diameter
2. Cut a hole in the center of the circle about 1” across.
3. Wrap the yarn around the edge of the circle and through the center hole until you get all the way around.
4. Continue to add more layers. The more layers, the thicker the pompom. You can even use different colored yarn to make a multi-colored ball.
5. Once you have enough wrapped layers, carefully cut the yarn along the outer edge of cardboard.
6. Before removing the cardboard, wrap a piece of yarn around the middle of the cut pieces several times and tie it into place.
7. Pull off the cardboard, fluff and trim any straggly ends.



# DIY Cat Scratcher

## Supplies needed:

- Large pieces of cardboard (cardboard boxes work great!)
- Long ruler or other straight edge
- Craft knife
- Hot glue gun

## Instructions:

1. Cut the cardboard into approximately 2” strips. When cutting the cardboard, make sure you can see the zig zag patter of the corrugation in the middle.
2. Score each strip approximately every ½”.
3. Tightly role the cardboard into a spiral making sure the scored side is facing inward.
4. Un-role the spiral and re-role using the hot glue as you go along to secure it together. Make sure that you keep one end as flat as you can for easier scratchability.
5. Once the small spiral is complete, continue to add scored strips to the end wrapping in the direction of the spiral.
6. Repeat Step 5 until the scratcher is big enough for a cat to comfortably use. Make sure you secure the end of the spiral with extra glue to make sure it is secure.

