

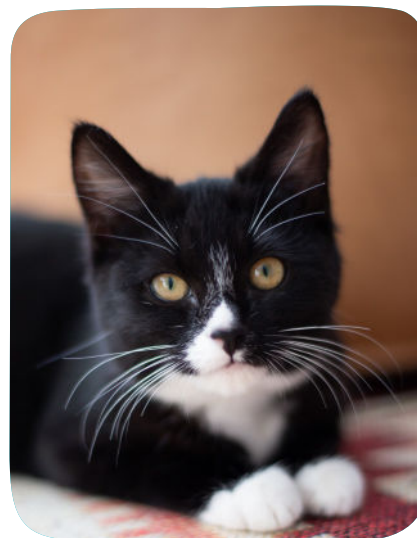
HAPPY HOME CATS: FUN PROJECTS AND TIPS

Hey there, awesome cat-lover!

Did you know that your kitty can have tons of fun with stuff you already have at home? Yep, you don't need fancy toys to make your cat happy. All it takes is a little creativity and some love!

In this guide, we're going to show you how to turn old things into purr-fect toys and cozy spots for your cat. Not only will your kitty love it, but you'll also help reduce waste by reusing and recycling. It's a win-win for you, your cat, and the environment!

So, let's get started on making your home the happiest place for your cat!



WHY KEEP CATS SAFE AT HOME?

Your cat is super curious, right? They love to explore, but sometimes that can lead to trouble. Let's find out why keeping your cat safe at home is the best idea!



Safety from Traffic Cars and roads can be really dangerous for cats. Even though they're fast and sneaky, accidents can happen. Keeping your cat at home means they're safe from traffic and can enjoy playing without any worries!

Protection from Predators Outdoors, there are other animals that might not be as friendly as your cat. Some might even want to chase or hurt them! By keeping your cat at home, you're protecting them from scary situations.

Health Benefits Being outside can expose your cat to all kinds of yucky diseases and parasites like fleas and ticks. But when they stay at home, they're less likely to get sick and can stay healthy and happy!

Longer Lives Did you know that cats who stay at home, usually live longer than outdoor cats? It's true! On average 10 years longer than a cat who roams. When your cat is safe at home, they can enjoy more birthdays, more cuddles, and more fun with you!

Protecting Birds and Wildlife Cats are natural hunters, and when they're outside, they might chase or harm birds and other wildlife. By keeping your cat safe at home, you're also helping to protect local wildlife, giving birds and other animals a better chance to thrive.

STEP-BY-STEP DIY CAT TOYS

CAT GRASS POT



Materials

- Clean plastic bottle
- Scissors
- Cat grass seeds
- Soil
- Water spray bottle

Instructions

1. Carefully cut the top off the plastic bottle (ask an adult for help if needed).
2. If the edges are sharp, cover them with tape to keep them safe.
3. Fill the bottle with soil and plant the cat grass seeds.
4. Lightly spray the soil with water to keep it moist.
5. In 3 to 7 days, your cat grass should start sprouting!

Now your cat has a tasty, home-grown snack to nibble on!

FABRIC KNOT BALL



Materials

- Old sock
- Cotton balls, wool, or fabric scraps
- Paper
- Scissors

Instructions

1. Fill the sock with cotton balls, wool, or fabric scraps to make it soft and squishy.
2. Add a bit of crumpled paper for a fun, crinkly texture that cats love.
3. Tie a tight knot at the open end of the sock to keep everything inside.
4. Use scissors to cut the end of the sock into thin strips to create some dangling bits.

And voilà! Your cat's new favourite toy is ready to play with!

CARDBOARD MAZE



Materials

- Small cardboard box (or the lid of a box)
- Paper rolls (toilet paper or paper towel rolls)
- Glue
- Scissors
- Cat treats or small toys

Instructions

1. Cut the paper rolls into different heights for variety.
2. Glue the rolls standing up inside the cardboard box or lid, spacing them out to create a maze.
3. Drop some cat treats or small toys into the maze for your cat to find.

And there you have it—an exciting maze for your cat to explore and play!

Want to learn even more about keeping your cat happy and healthy? We've got you covered! Head over to our website where you'll find lots of fun activities, tips, and ideas. Come and explore with us!

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