

# AT HOME SERVICE PROJECTS FOR CAT ENRICHMENT

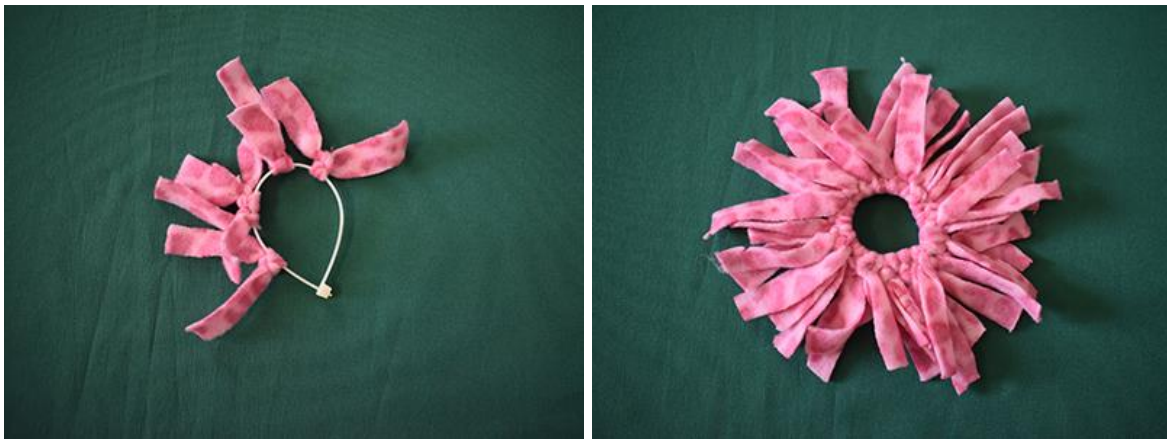
## FLEECE FLOWER CAT TOY

### YOU NEED:

- Zip tie or plastic ring from a milk container
- Scissors
- Many square pieces of fleece (recommended: 6 inches x 1.5 inches)

### DIRECTIONS:

- If you are using a zip tie then make the diameter of the ring about 1 inch long, and cut off tail end leaving just the circle.
- Take the square piece of fleece and cut it into 12-14 strips. Use additional fabric if necessary to cover ring.
- Tie strips onto the ring. Please double knot it for extra safety.
- Continue tying fleece to the ring until you cannot see any part of it.



## CAT TOYS

### YOU NEED:

- Infant Socks (INFANT SOCKS ONLY)
- Stuffing or fiberfill
- Dry Catnip

### DIRECTIONS:

- Take an infant sock and fill from toe to heel with stuffing (stuffed portion of sock should NOT be longer than 2")
- Add a pinch of dry catnip
- Pinch the sock around the heel and ankle, then stretch the ankle and cuff and tie the sock closed in a knot (do NOT use ribbon or string to tie sock closed)
- Done! This is an easy cat toy to make, and cats love it.
- Finished toy should NOT be longer than 3 ½"



## CARDBOARD CAT SCRATCHER

### YOU NEED:

- A piece of cardboard
- Scissors
- Glue

## DIRECTIONS:

- Cut several strips of cardboard to measure approximately 2" W x 15" L. (We recommend having an adult help with this part.)
- Cover your work surface with newspaper to catch any spills.
- Lay the first strip flat on your newspaper.
- Take the next strip, cover with glue and lay it on top of the first one.
- Continue with this until you have enough layers to make a pile about 4" high.
- Put a weight on top of the pile to hold it while it dries.
- If you need help, visit <https://www.freekidscrafts.com/cat-scratching-pad-made-from-recycled-cardboard-scout-cookie-cartons>



You can get creative with different shapes and sizes, too! You can find instructions for a making a round scratcher here: <https://www.dreamalittlebigger.com/post/diy-cardboard-cat-scratcher.html>



# CAT WANDS

## YOU NEED:

- A dowel or branch/stick (approx. 36" L x ½" Diameter)
- Screw eye
- 1 ball of yarn
- Craft glue
- Small paint brush
- Scissors



## DIRECTIONS:

- If you've scavenged for a stick remove any sharp points by cutting them off or sanding them down. Try to make one side of the stick flat (we'll be screwing the eye in this side). We recommend an adult help with this step!
- Use a paintbrush to spread a little bit of craft glue over the first inch of one end of the stick.
- Begin tightly wrapping the yarn around the stick. Start in the glue and continue to the other end of the stick, stopping one inch before the end. Spread glue over that last inch and finish wrapping the yarn through the glue. Tie a small knot and cut the extra string off.
- Place the screw eye into the flat/smooth end of the stick. For extra security you can place glue around the screw.

- Take at least 3 strands of yarn, any length, and tie them into a knot through the screw eye.
- From here, you can braid the yarn or let it hang free. You can also tie craft feathers (or other lightweight toys) to the end of the braid if you like!
- Wait to use your new cat wand until the glue is completely dry. Always supervise your cat while playing with this toy, and remember to never let them chew on the stick! Some glues and woods can be toxic to pets.