

Catnip Toys

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Your cat will love playing with these simple-to-make toys filled with fiberfill and dried catnip.

You will need:

small pieces of sturdy cotton (such as cotton duck or muslin)

polyester fiberfill

dried and crushed catnip leaves (about 1/4 cup, depending on the size of the toy)

1/8" colored ribbons or strips of yarn

needle and embroidery floss

paper, pencil, scissors

paper punch

Basic directions:

For each toy, cut and use a paper pattern in any size and shape. Cut two of the fabric, then stitch 1/4" from the edges all around leaving 2-1/2" open. Fill intermittently with fiberfill and catnip until the toy is firmly full. Stitch the opening to close it. Use a blanket stitch and embroidery floss in a bright, contrasting color to decorate all around the edges of the toy, if desired.



Punch a hole in one corner of the toy. Cut three or four 10-inch lengths of ribbon or yarn and push one end of the bunch through the hole. Tie a double knot to secure the ribbons. Present to kitty, and watch her enjoy!

Note: Never use small plastic or metal pieces when making or decorating toys for animals. These pieces can come off the toy too easily and pose a risk of choking your pet. Stick to soft pieces of ribbon or yarn or use nothing at all. Cats have fun with the very simplest of toys!