

AT-HOME SERVICE PROJECTS

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Minimal tools required

THESE PROJECTS WILL REQUIRE
TOOLS YOU PROBABLY
ALREADY HAVE AT HOME,
SUCH AS GLUE, SCISSORS,
ETC.



Egg Carton Dog Kibble/Treat Dispenser

From *Ruffle Snuffle: Life with Pets*

What You Need:

1 CARDBOARD egg carton

A few tablespoons of tasty treats

Scissors



How to Make It:

1. Cut 3 or 4 holes, slightly larger than the size of the kibble or treats.



2. Put kibble or treats inside and close!



Slotted Cardboard Balls for Rabbits

From *The Rabbit House*



What You Need:

Cardboard

Round object to use for tracing, such as a glass or bowl

Scissors or knife



How to Make It:

1. Use your circular object to trace and cut 3 cardboard circles.



2. With one circle, make one cut that goes to the center of the circle. Make another cut right next to the one you made to take out a small piece of cardboard, creating a slot.



3. With the second circle, make one cut $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way down the circle. Make another cut to take out a small piece of cardboard to create a slot.



4. With the third circle, make one cut $\frac{1}{2}$ way through the circle. On the opposite side, cut a line $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way down. You will now have a space in-between the two cuts.

5. Now assemble! Put circle 1 in the short slot on circle 3. Then take circle 2 and place it in the other slot of circle 3.



No Sew Fleece Blanket

From *instructables craft*



What You Need:

2 pieces of fleece measuring 24"x28"

Fabric scissors

Ruler or straight edge

How to Make It:

1. Cut your fleece to the appropriate size and stack them on top of each other, right side OUT. Make sure the two pieces are matching in size.



2. Cut a 5 inch square from each of the 4 corners. A Post-It note works really well for this!



3. Cut fringe pieces that are slightly wider than your index finger through both pieces of fabric and that are approximately 5 inch deep. Do this all the way around the blanket.



Wreath Frame Cat Toy

From *This Southern Girl Can*



What You Need:

(2) 14" wire wreath frames

1 pack of jingle bell cat ball toys

1 pack of zip ties

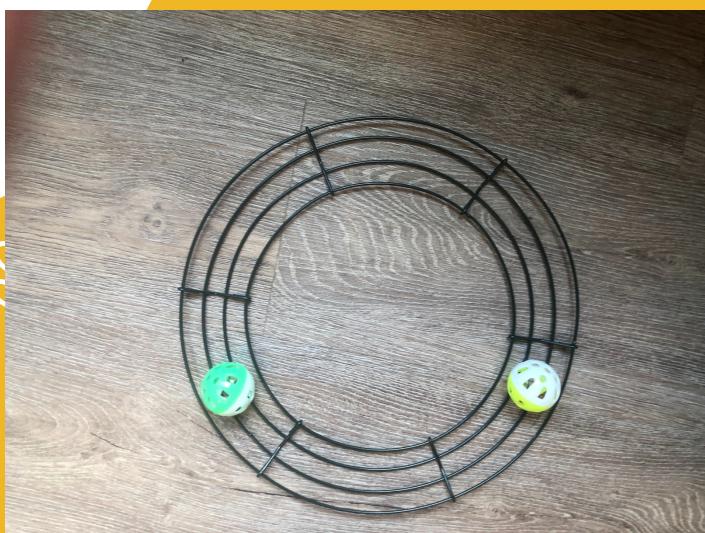
Something to cut the zip ties with

How to Make It:

1. Flip over one of the wreath frames and place the jingle bell balls onto it.



2. Lay the other wreath frame on top. Use the zip ties to hold them in place.



DIY Cardboard Cat Scratcher

From *Dream a Little Bigger* with Allison Murray



What You Need:

Cardboard boxes (3-4 medium boxes should be enough)
Straight edge, such as a ruler
Craft knife
Cut resistant gloves
Hot glue



How to Make It:

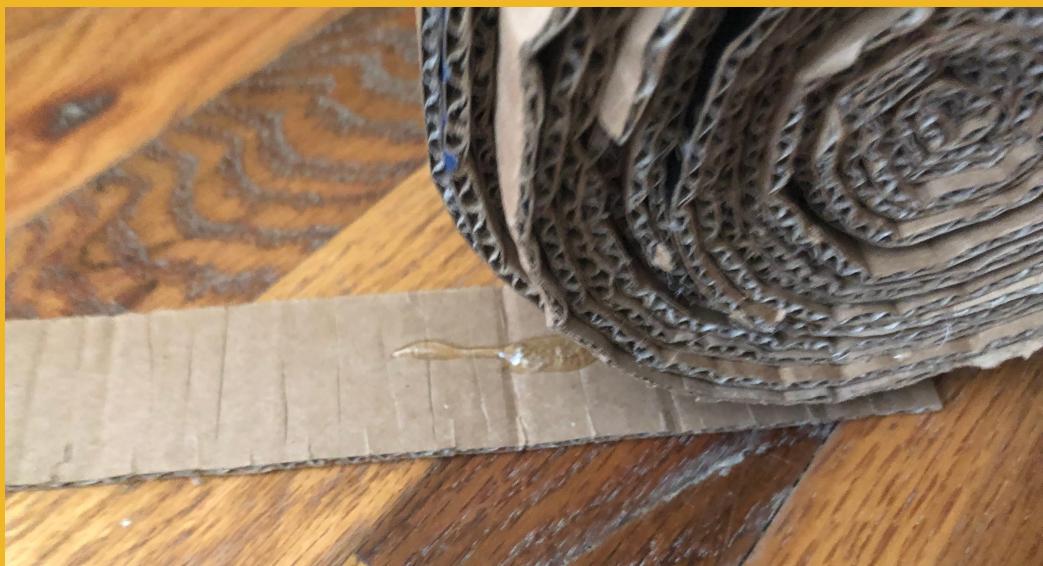
1. **Cut cardboard boxes into strips that are 2 inches wide.**
You want to cut the cardboard so that you see the corrugation inside.
2. **Score the strips by making vertical cuts through the top layer of the entire strip, so that you can shape into a circle.**
3. **With the scored edge up, roll the first strip of cardboard into a tight spiral, making it as tight as possible.**





4. Unroll the piece and roll back up while applying hot glue in the middle to hold it together. Add glue to the very end of the piece to reinforce.

5. Continue to add to your initial spiral by gluing another piece of cardboard against the end of the first piece, with the scored side facing toward the roll.



Rabbit Paper Mat

From the *Rabbit House*



What You Need:

Brown packing paper that comes in packages

Scissors

Clothespins



How to Make It:

1. Cut the brown packing paper into strips about 4" wide and 2' long. You will want approximately 20 strips.

2. Use one strip as your base or anchor, and lay it horizontally on your flat surface.



3. Take your next strip of paper and lay vertically, creating a column. Fold a few inches of paper over your horizontal piece, and attach with a clothespin. Repeat this step with the half of strips you have left. You will now have a string of vertical strips of paper, attached to your anchor with clothespins. If you want your mat to be bigger, add more strips.

4. Twist your vertical stripes to add texture.



5. Now it's time to weave. Take a new strip and position it horizontally. Go over the first vertical strip, under the second, over the third, and so on, weaving the strip through the anchored pieces.

6. When you get to the end of your strip, tie on another strip and continue weaving.

7. When you are happy with the size of your mat, tuck loose ends back into the mat.



**Sewing
Machine
Required**

DIY Washable Snuffle Mat

From Maplewood Dog



What You Need:

1 18"x50" piece of fleece for the base

2 pieces of at least 18"x25" fleece for the snuffle flaps

Sewing machine and thread

Scissors



How to Make It:

1. Take the 18"x50" piece of fleece and fold it in half, with the top side facing in. You will now have a double layer of fleece measuring 25" x 18".



2. Using your sewing machine, sew 5/8" seam around the 3 open sides, stopping about 5" short on the 3rd side so that you have an opening.



3. Turn the fleece inside out so that the seams are now inside the bag. Tuck in the open seam and sew shut.



4. Take your other fleece and cut stripes ranging in size, from 6-10" wide. The strips should be 18" long. The thicker the mat you would like, the more strips you will want.



5. Fold each strip in half lengthwise (hot dog bun style). Mark the middle of the strip.



6.Unfold the strips and place them on your base that you created. Evenly place the strips across the top.



7.Sew down the middle of each strip lengthwise to attach the strip to the base.



8.Cut off any loose threads.

9.Cut into each long sewn strip to make flaps (like a tie blanket) 1.5-3" wide. The small flaps will hide the kibble and treats.



DIY Pet Bed

From *Pillows for Paws*



What You Need:

(2) 48"x24" pieces of fleece fabric

Poly-fil polyester bedding

Straight pins

Sewing machine and thread

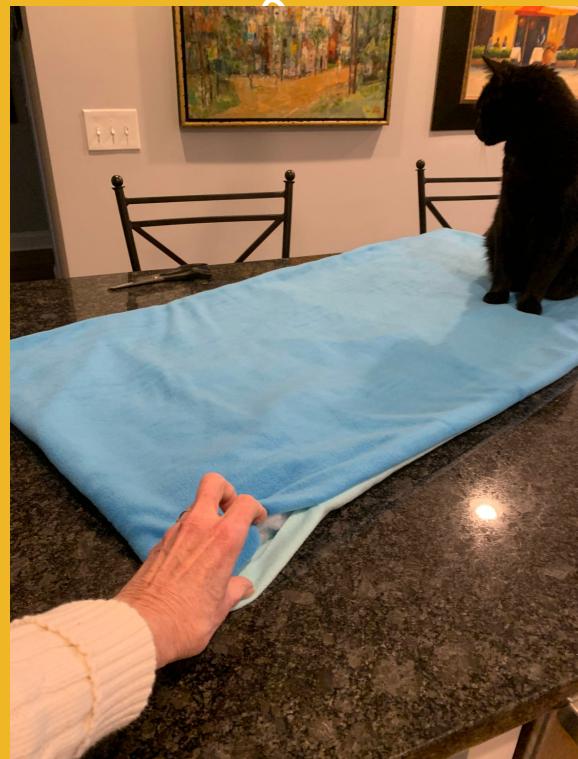
Fabric scissors



How to Make It:

1. Cut two pieces of fabric and polyester filling to the same size.

2. Lay your two pieces of fabric on top of the polyester filling, right sides facing IN.



3. Make a medium-sized straight stitch 1 inch away from the edge around the bed, leaving a 6 inch gap on one side.



4. Trim away any extra batting, trimming the corners at an angle before turning inside out.



5. Put your hand through the 6 inch gap you created and pull the bed through, sandwiching the fabric in between the bedding.

6. Sew the gap shut.

7. Quilt 3 inches apart.



Soothing Rice Hot/Cold Pack

From *My Bright Ideas*



What You Need:

A piece of (100%) cotton 12x20 inches

Sewing Machine

Needle and Thread

Funnel

3lb bag of uncooked, long grain rice

How to Make It:

Cut fabric 12 x 20 inches and iron flat.



Fold fabric in half lengthwise (hot dog bun style).

Sew around the edge, leaving a 2 inch gap on one of the ends.



Turn the fabric inside out and use a funnel to fill the bag 3/4 full with rice.



Leave 1/4 of the pack empty, you want to give the rice room to move in the pack.



Tuck in unfinished end and hand-stitch closed.



Power Tools Required

PVC Food Dispensing Toy

From UC Davis-Koret Shelter Medicine Program



What You Will Need:

PVC pipes (1" for small dogs, 1.5" for medium dogs, 2" for large dogs)

1 male adapter per pipe

1 screw cap per pipe

1 slip cap per pipe

Drill

Drill bit

PVC glue

Saw

Small piece of sandpaper



How to Make It:

1. Cut PVC pipe with saw to desired length.

Approximately 4" for a small pipe, 6" for a medium pipe, and 10" for a large pipe.



2. Remove the PVC burrs along the cut edge with sandpaper.

3. Using PVC glue, attach the slip cap to one end of the pipe.



4.Using PVC glue attach the male adapter to the other end.



5.Screw cap onto male adapter.



6.Drill holes into PVC pipe where desired. The holes should be big enough for large kibble to fall through.

7.Empty out PVC filings from drilling and wash toy.



Dog Houses

If you are interested in making dog houses, check out some of these options:

Buldeazy Doghouse

<https://www.buldeazy.com/doghouse/>

DIY Craftsy Pallet Dog House

<https://www.diycraftsy.com/pallet-dog-house/>

Sunset Mini Ranch House

<https://www.sunset.com/home/weekend-projects/how-to-build-stylish-doghouse>

Instructables Living A-Frame Doghouse

<https://www.instructables.com/Build-an-insulated-A-Frame-doghouse-for-under-75/>



Where can you find these projects online?

Egg Carton Dog Kibble/Treat Dispenser

From *Ruffle Snuffle: Life with Pets*

<https://www.rufflesnuffle.co.uk/egg-carton-games-your-dog-will-love-to-play-no-2-is-messy/>

Slotted Cardboard Balls for Rabbits

From *The Rabbit House*

<http://www.therabbithouse.com/blog/2014/10/28/slotted-cardboard-rabbit-toys/>

No Sew Fleece Blanket

From *instructables craft*

<https://www.instructables.com/No-Sew-Fleece-Blanket-1/>

Wreath Frame Cat Toy

From *This Southern Girl Can*

<http://www.thissoutherngirlcan.com/everyday-crafts/dollar-tree-wreath-frame-cat-toy>

DIY Cardboard Cat Scratcher

From *Dream a Little Bigger with Allison Murray*

<https://www.dreamalittlebigger.com/post/diy-cardboard-cat-scratcher.html>

Rabbit Paper Mat

From *the Rabbit House*

<http://www.therabbithouse.com/blog/2013/07/13/weave-paper-mat/>

DIY Washable Snuffle Mat

From *Maplewood Dog*

<https://www.maplewooddog.com/dog-behavior/diy-washable-snuffle-mat/>

DIY Pet Bed

From *Pillows for Paws*

<https://pillowsforpaws.org/diy>

Soothing Rice Hot/Cold Pack

From *My Bright Ideas*

<http://mybrightideasblog.com/make-microwavable-hot-cold-rice-lavender-pack/>

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<https://www.sheltermedicine.com/library/resources/?r=pvc-food-dispensing-toy-how-to-make>