

the
big picture:
making cat toys from trash

You don't need to spend a fortune buying cat toys. Just make the toys quickly and cheaply from items in your house!

This toy will entertain your cat for a while, and you can easily make a new one when needed!

Also consider making toys and donating them to the local shelters and rescues!



DIY cat toy

type: **teaser toy**

flying bird sock teaser toy



This toy has a long rope with a dangling sock that moves when you wave it in front of your cat. Cats love chasing, jumping, and pouncing on the stuffed sock when you drag it along the floor or dangle it in the air. This toy mimics chasing mice, birds, and other prey. It strengthens your bond with your cat, gives him exercise, and provides mental stimulation.

materials needed:

- old sock (*small sock for kittens*)
- newspapers or wrapping paper
- 36" piece heavy string or twine
- small bottle with lid
- cat treats or dry food
- ruler
- scissors



What color sock can a cat see?



Wool/string/twine:
Never leave your cat unattended playing with string, thread, twine, or wool. If it's swallowed it can cause a serious gut blockage.



quality handmade toy

exercise for your cat

care

directions for making the toy:

Step 1: Find a small bottle (like an empty pill bottle). Put 4 or 5 pieces of dry cat food/treats in the bottle and tighten the lid. This is the noisemaker inside the toy.

Step 2: Put the bottle in the sock.

Step 3: Crumple newspaper and stuff it around the bottle. If you don't have newspaper, you could use ad sheets that arrive in the mail, magazine pages, or wrapping paper from your UPS/FedEx packages.

Step 4: Fill the sock about half full.

Step 5: Tie the end of the sock loosely.

Step 6: Thread the end of your heavy 36" string through the sock's knot. Pull the string through until you reach the middle of the string. When the string is in place, pull the sock's knot tightly so the string can't move.

Step 7: Tie the ends of the string together with a strong knot. This is where you will hold the toy when waving or dangling it in front of your cat.



Steps 1, 2, 3



Steps 4, 5, 6, 7

You love your pet

love

tips for playing

You'll be the person who makes the toy "come alive." Drag it along the floor or wave it in the air. Just remember to let your cat catch the toy regularly so he doesn't get frustrated! At the end of the session, you can open the sock and allow him to eat the treats that he's been hearing and smelling.