

Cookie Cases for a Cause— Animal Shelter Service Project



Does your troop have empty cookie cases you don't know what to do with? Let's use our resources wisely and put them to good use!

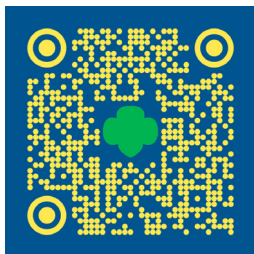
Cardboard can be used to make DIY cat scratchers and cat toys! Collect your empty cookie cases and get together with your troop or work on your own to make cat scratchers and other toys for cats waiting for their “forever” homes! Your creations will be included in cat adoption kits and donated to Town of Oyster Bay Animal Shelter! You may also use other household items to make additional toys to be included in the kits.



Drop off your completed cat scratchers and cat toys to GSNC's Service Center. Patches can be purchased at the GSNC shop.

The deadline for drop off is Friday, April 25, 2025.

Tutorials on making upcycled homemade cat scratchers and cat toys can be found by scanning the QR code or visiting bit.ly/gsnc-patch-programs.



Cookie Case Cat Scratcher



****Complete with the help of an adult****

Materials:

- Empty Girl Scout Cookie cases
- Scissors
- Box cutter
- Ruler
- Markers
- Hot glue gun or Elmer's Glue
- Hot glue (if using hot glue gun)



Step 1: First, you're going to make the base of your cat scratcher by cutting off the bottom of the box. Using your ruler, measure two inches up from the bottom of the box, all the way around. You may use a marker to mark where you need to cut. Once you've marked two inches up, you can cut off the bottom of the box, using either a pair of scissors or a box cutter. This is the base for your cat scratcher!

other boxes, you're going to create the "scratcher" portion of the cat scratcher. Flatten and disassemble your cookie box. The texture of the middle of the cardboard is called "corrugation," this is the part that cats love to dig their claws into! You want to cut across the corrugations, not parallel to them.

Use a ruler to measure two inch wide strips across the cardboard (as pictured below). The cardboard slices should be the same length as the base of the scratcher, so measure



Step 2: Using the rest of the cardboard from your box and



the length of the base and trim the slices to fit into the base. Cut these slices using scissors, repeating until you've cut up the entire box and have enough strips to completely fill the base of the scratcher (inserting the strips into the box on their sides so the corrugation is visible). It can take about five cookie cases to make this cat scratcher.

Step 3: Once you have enough cardboard strips to fill your scratcher base, now it's time to start inserting them into the base, gluing as you go! Lightly apply hot glue or Elmer's Glue to the sides of the strips of cardboard and insert them into the base one at a time, ensuring that the corrugation is facing outward. Repeat until the base is filled.

Congrats! You've used your resources wisely to create your Cookie Case Cat Scratcher!

Cookie Case Cardboard Ball

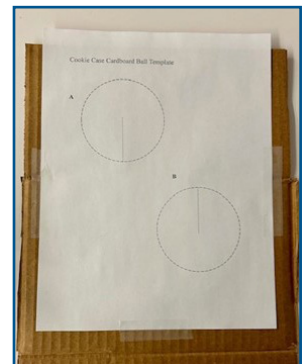


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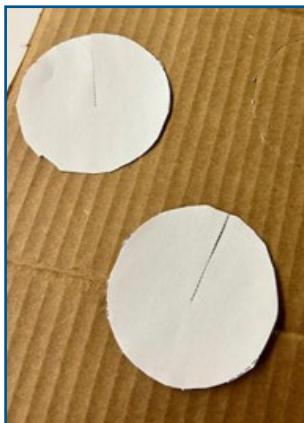
Materials:

- Empty Girl Scout Cookie Cases
- Markers
- Scissors
- Box cutter
- Non-toxic Elmer's Glue
- Tape

Step 1: Flatten and disassemble cookie cases and/or take the unused cardboard from your Cookie Case Cat Scratcher project and tape the paper template to your piece of cardboard.



Step 2: Using the box cutter, slowly and carefully trace along the lines of the template with the box cutter, cutting the surface of the cardboard enough to leave an outline of what you'll be cutting next.



Step 3: Remove the paper template and completely cut out the pieces for the cardboard ball, using the outline left behind as a guide. You may cut the pieces out using either a pair of scissors or a box cutter. Cut the circles out first, then cut along the line in the middle of the circle.

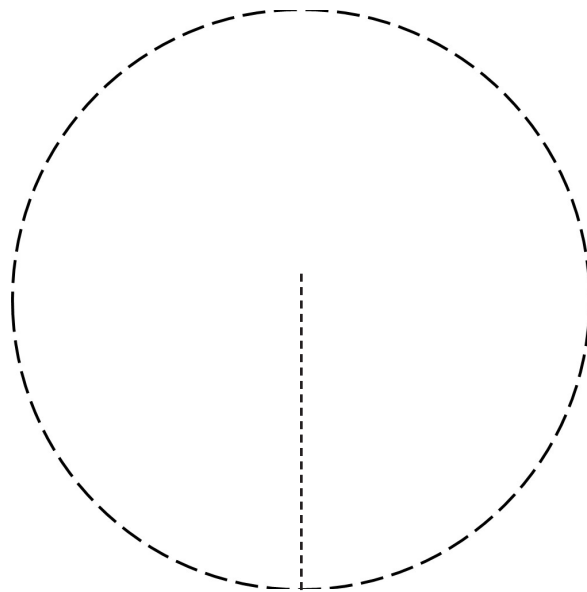
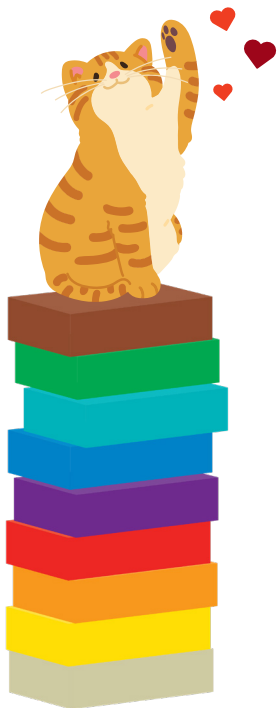


Step 4: Interlock the two cardboard circles, inserting the slot into Piece A into the slot on Piece B. You may need to cut the slots slightly longer to fully interlock.

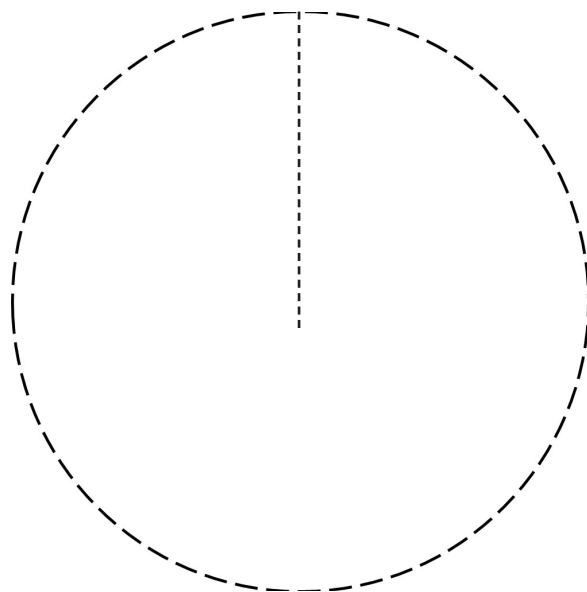
Step 5: To ensure the ball stays together, separate Piece A and Piece B, add a line of non-toxic Elmer's Glue along the lines of the two slots, and interlock Piece A and Piece B again. Let glue completely dry.



Cookie Case Cardboard Ball



A



B

Cookie Case Cardboard Ball



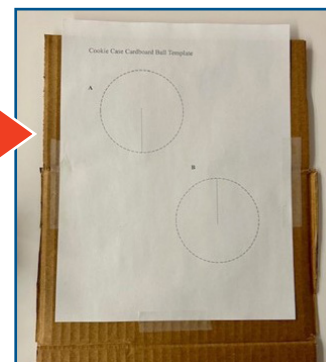
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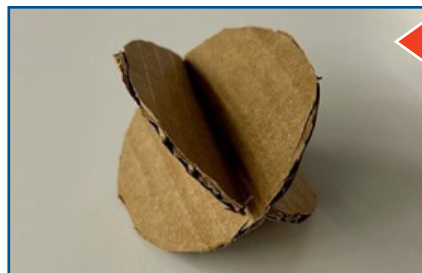
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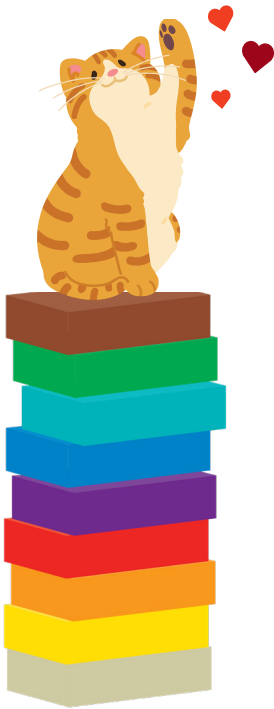


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T-Shirt Cat Toy



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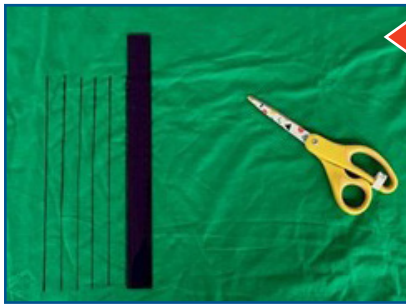
- T-shirt
- Scissors
- Markers
- Ruler (or any other straight edge)



Step 1: Start by cutting off and discarding all seams of the t-shirt



Step 2: Now that you have your seamless shirt, you want to cut as many strips of fabric out of one t-shirt. Using your ruler measure you will measure 8-10 inch strips that are about the width of an adult's thumb (1-2 inches). The ruler can be used to mark your lines.



Step 3: Once you have your strips marked, you can begin cutting! Cut along the lines you marked. Lines do not have to be perfect, since these strips will be tied together in the end!



Step 4: After you've cut the strips of fabric from your t-shirt, you should have several strips that are approximately 8-10 inches long. You can line up the strips to see the lengths of the strips (slightly more or less than eight inches is okay. You may also trim some strips if needed). Pull the strips from both ends to stretch them out a bit to make them easier to tie together.



Step 5: Take six strips of your choice and stack them on top of each other (if you're using multiple t-shirts, you can alternate by color!) Tie all the pieces together by making a knot in the middle.

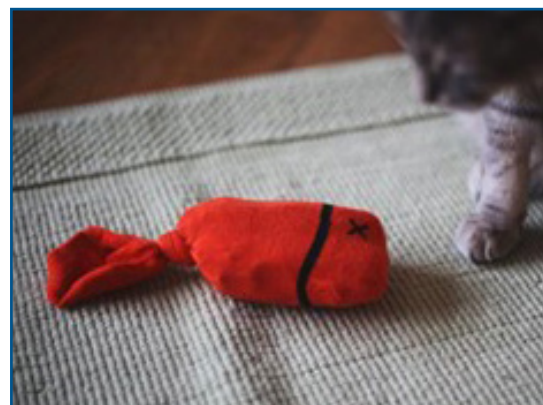
Step 6: Now you have a cat toy! If you want a smaller toy, you can slightly trim the ends on both sides of the knot.

Sock Crinkle Toy

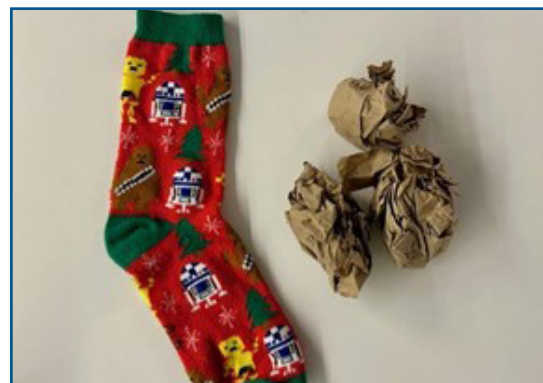


Materials:

- A clean, long sock (great opportunity to use those single socks that don't have a match!)
- Newspaper, packing paper, wrapping paper, or cellophane



Step 1: Using your crinkly material of choice, crumple your chosen material and stuff the sock about two-thirds full (materials may need to be trimmed smaller to fit into the sock.) ▼



▶ **Step 2:** Once the sock is stuffed, tie a knot at the open end of the sock to hold everything in place. Double knot if you can!

Step 3 (optional): If you have any small bells, add them to the sock along with your chosen material. Much like the crinkle sound, cats are enticed by the sound of bells!

