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### **DIY Cat Toys / Puzzles**

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Sitting around your home all day can be boring, and it's no different for cats! Now is the perfect time to supply your cat with a new toy or food puzzle. Below are instructions and images for three different DIY projects you can make with materials found in your own home!

Please be careful not to leave DIY tools, such as scissors, small items, or potentially toxic materials, in an area easily accessible by your cat.

### **Easy Cat Toy**

This toy is perfect for your cat to swipe, bat, and fling around!

#### Materials Needed:

- Sock
- Paper (Wrapping Paper / Packing Paper).
  - No Plastic or Metallic Papers!
- Scissors
  - If Needed to Cut Paper.



Materials Needed



Step 1 – Cut paper if needed and crinkle pieces into balls.



Step 2 – Stuff the sock with the paper to about three quarters full.



Step 3 – Tie a knot at the end and your cat's new toy is finished!

## **Easy Food Puzzle**

This food puzzle keeps your cat's body and mind occupied! Cats feel the innate need to hunt, and food puzzles are a perfect solution to fulfill their natural instinct.

#### Materials Needed:

- Toilet Paper Cardboard Tubes
- Scissors or Hole Punch
- Duct Tape



Materials Needed



Step 1 – Take one toilet paper tube and cut out one small hole. (Ensure the hole is large enough to fit treats or kibble through).



Step 2 – Fold the ends together and tape shut. For a more interesting design, fold each end a different direction.



Step 3 – Place kibble or treats in the hole and and your cat's new food puzzle is finished. Let your cat explore!

# **Medium Difficulty Level Food Puzzle**

If the Easy Food Puzzle above doesn't pose enough difficulty for your feline friend, consider the following Medium Difficulty Level Food Puzzle. The different tube heights will require some extra problem solving!

### Materials Needed:

- Cardboard Tubes (Toilet Paper Tube(s) / Paper Towel Tube(s) / Wrapping Paper Tube(s).
- Non-Toxic Glue
- Large Flat Piece of Cardboard
- Scissors or Box Cutter



Materials Needed



Step 1 – Take the cardboard tubes and cut them into a variety of different heights.



Step 2 – Glue the ends of the cardboard tubes onto the flat cardboard piece. If necessary, duct tape can be used around the base of the tubes as well.



Step 3 – Let dry, then place kibble or treats into a few tubes and let your cat explore. If needed, use tape to cover any fraying cardboard.



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