

Kansas Humane Society

PAWS & CLAWS PROJECT

**EARN SERVICE
HOURS BY HELPING
OUR ANIMALS!**



**WORK ON
PROJECTS FROM
YOUR HOME!**



Read the instructions below prior to starting your project!

Thank you for your interest in our Paws & Claws Project!

- As a shelter, our animal population is constantly changing which means our needs vary. Because of this, a **Project Proposal Form is required** for all community service projects.
- If you are seeking more than 12 hours of community service, please contact lskelton@kshumane.org before beginning your project.
- All projects **must** receive approval before they begin. Once your project is complete, please schedule a time in advance to deliver the items and obtain a signature for your school service form.
- Please do not exceed the maximum quantity listed for each item, as KHS has limited storage space and cannot accommodate large amounts.

Questions?

Contact Lauran Skelton at lskelton@kshumane.org



DOG ENRICHMENT



Tennis Ball T-Shirt

15 toys = 2 hours

1.



STEP 1:

- CUT (2) 10 INCH WIDE STRIPS FROM A T-SHIRT AND (1) 1 INCH STRIP
- CUT ALONG 1 SEAM ON THE SHIRT OF EACH STRIP TO FORM ONE LONG STRIP AND NOT A LOOP

2.



STEP 2:

LAY OUT AND CRISS CROSS THE STRIPS AS SEEN

3.



STEP 3:

GATHER THE SHIRT AROUND THE BALL IN AND TIE WITH THE 1 INCH STRIP YOU CUT AS SEEN. TIE EXTREMELY TIGHT, AS TIGHT AS YOU CAN TO HOLD IT ALL TOGETHER

Tennis Ball T-Shirt

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4.



STEP 4:

CUT THE STRIPS INTO SMALLER STRIPS

5.



STEP 5:

BRAID OR TIE TOGETHER IN KNOTS.
BRAID AND TIE AS TIGHTLY AS
POSSIBLE TO ENSURE IT LASTS WHILE
THE DOG IS PLAYING WITH IT.

6.



STEP 6:

FINISHED PRODUCT

Fabric Tug of War Toys

10 toys = 1 hour



SUPPLIES

- Fleece
- Cotton fabric or thick material
- Optional: tennis ball, dog toy

DIRECTIONS

1. Cut fabric into approximately 4" wide strips.
2. Take 3 strips of fabric, and use a regular plait braid to braid all 3 strips together, tying it off in a knot at both ends
3. Optional: To make your toy even more fun, you can remove the center of a toy such as a tennis ball, and string it through.

No Sew Blanket

10 blankets = 1 hour

SUPPLIES

- Fleece fabric
- Fabric scissors



DIRECTIONS

1. Determine how large of a blanket you would like to make. (For example, a 2' by 3' is a good size blanket for a small kitten, but larger blankets can be used for adult cats and small or large dogs) Cut 2 pieces of fabric so that they are the same exact size.
2. Place the 2 pieces of fabric on top of one another. Going around the edges, cut strips about 1" wide and 5" long around the entire thing (cutting through both pieces of fabric at the same time).
3. Once all sides are cut, take the top and bottom strips and knot them together until all of the strips are tied together.

CAT ENRICHMENT



Catnip Mouse Toy

10 toys = 1 hour



SUPPLIES

- Template (next page)
- Felt
- Rope
- Cotton batting
- Catnip
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun

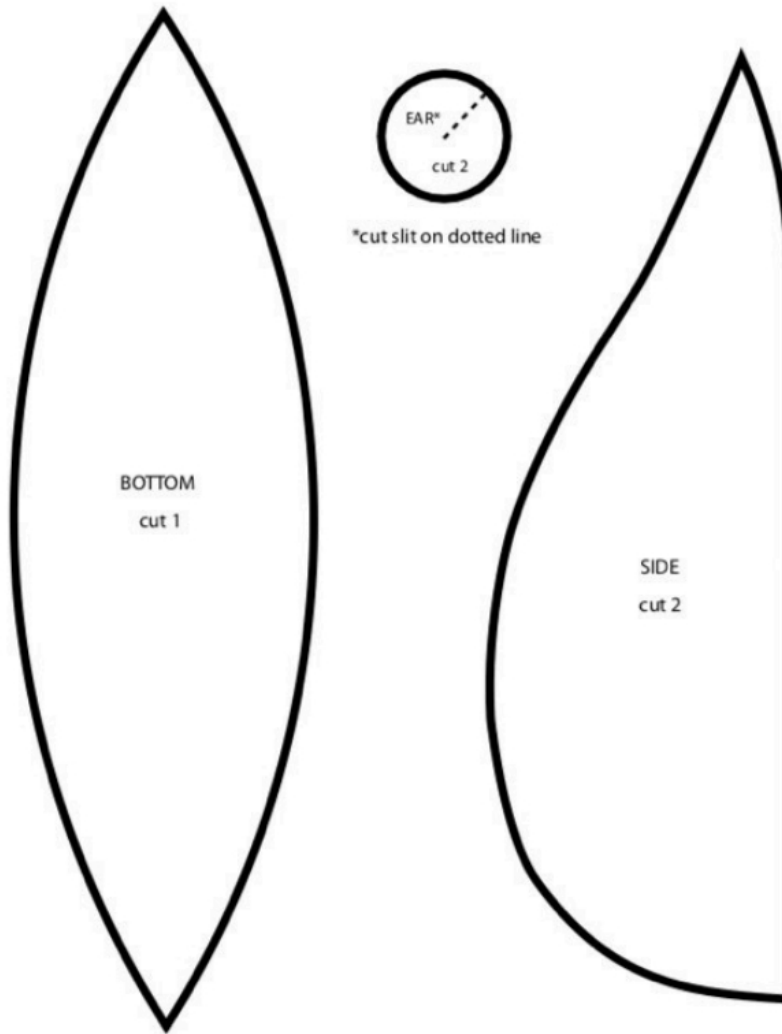


DIRECTIONS

1. Trace template onto felt and cut out shapes. You will need one bottom piece, 2 side pieces, and 2 ear pieces for each toy.
2. Glue the top edges of the 2 side pieces together, and then glue the bottom piece of felt to the bottom edges of the side pieces, leaving an opening in the back to insert stuffing.
3. Stuff the inside of your rat with cotton batting and catnip.
4. Cut a piece of rope for your rat's tail, and stuff it in the back of your rat toy. (optional)
5. Seal toy closed with glue.
6. Glue on the ears. To add eyes, you can cut draw them on with a marker.

Catnip Mouse Toy

Template



Catnip Fish Toy

10 toys = 1 hour

SUPPLIES

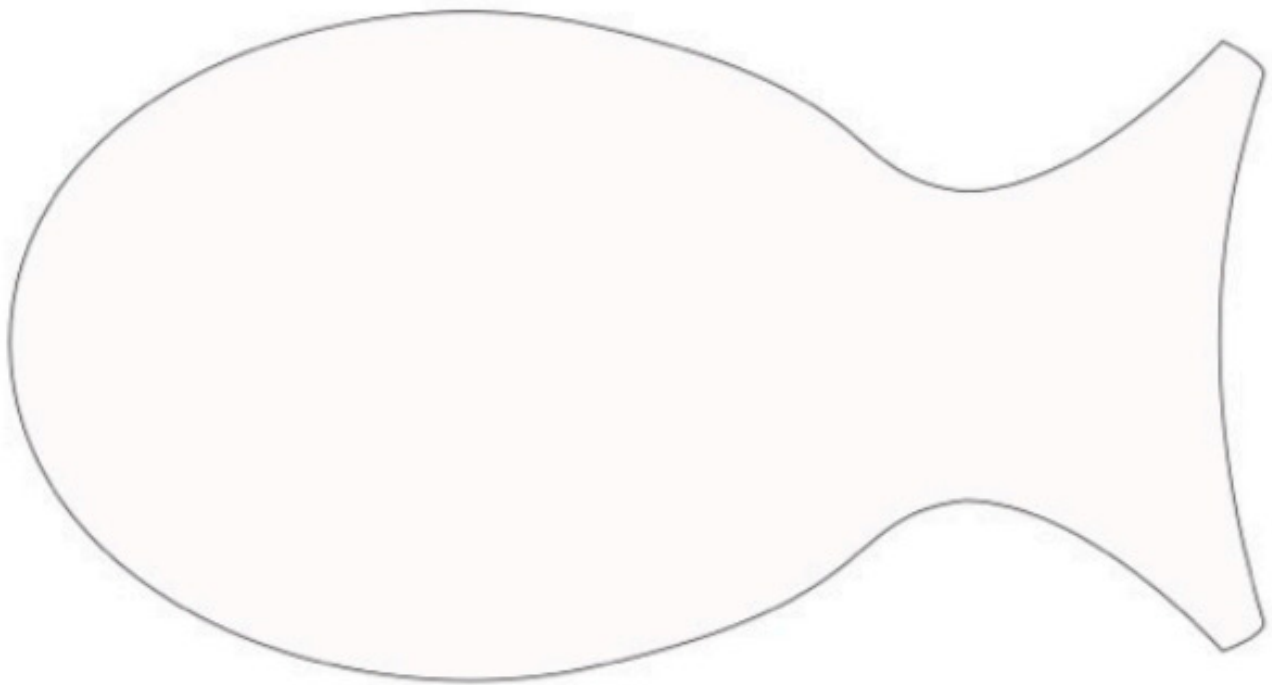
- Template (next page)
- Fabric
- Pins
- Pinking Shears
- Cotton batting or wool scraps
- Piece of paper
- Catnip
- Need and thread or hot glue



DIRECTIONS

1. Trace template onto 2 pieces of fabric and cut out shapes.
2. Pin right sides together, leaving 1/4" seam allowance. Sew seam, and leave 1.5" opening for filling. (optional to hot glue instead of sew).
3. Trim seams with pinking shears.
4. Turn right side out. Press seams flat.
5. Shape a piece of paper into a funnel, and use it to fill toy with catnip.

FISH
TEMPLATE



Catnip Socks

10 toys = 1 hour



SUPPLIES

- Small (kid-sized) socks
- Catnip
- Cotton batting or fabric scraps
- Non-toxic markers (optional)

DIRECTIONS

1. Place small amount of dried catnip in sock.
2. Stuff the sock with fabric scraps or cotton batting, leaving some room to tie off sock.
3. Tie sock tightly.
4. Draw a fish face or cat face on the sock for optional decoration.

Cat Wand

10 wands = 1 hour

SUPPLIES

- Wooden dowel rod
- Scissors
- Duct tape
- Fabric pieces: cut strips of fabric/felt, ribbon, clean shoe laces
- Optional: markers, feathers, pipe cleaners



DIRECTIONS

1. Cut strips of fabric, ribbon, etc. to hang from your wand. Lengths can vary.
2. Optional: Form pipe cleaners into fun shapes, pick out colorful feathers. Attach pipe cleaners and feathers onto one end of each of your strips of fabric, ribbon, etc. You can either tie your accessories on, or use a small piece of duct tape to wrap around both accessory and fabric/ribbon.
3. Tie or tape all strips together at one end (if you put pipe cleaners or feathers on your strips, tie strips together at the opposite end from where these are)
4. Attach to a dowel rod by wrapping a strip of duct tape around your strips of material and your dowel rod (for a fun dowel rod, decorate with nontoxic markers).



Cat Scratchers

5 scratchers = 1 hour

SUPPLIES

- Shoebox or similar-sized cardboard box
- Large piece of cardboard (flattened boxes work well!)
- Scissors
- Utility knife
- Glue
- Optional: catnip



DIRECTIONS

1. Use a utility knife to cut cardboard into strips that are the same length and height as your box. (Tip: It is easiest to first cut a piece that fits nicely, and then use that as a tracer for your other pieces. You can trace a bunch onto your flattened cardboard boxes prior to cutting them out to save time.)
2. Place your strips side by side into the box (corrugated edge up), putting glue in between each strip to keep everything together. Continue placing cardboard in the box until it is completely full.
3. For added fun, you can sprinkle your scratcher with some dried catnip.

SMALL MAMMAL ENRICHMENT



Newspaper Tunnel

10 tunnels = 1 hour

SUPPLIES

- Newspaper
- Large round item



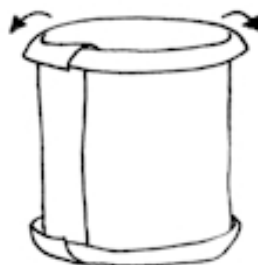
Step 1: Lay out a row of sheets of newspaper, overlapping each sheet by approximately a third. I used 4 sheets.



Step 2: Roll the paper around something round, such as a cake tin. I use a shop brought tunnel.



Step 3: Roll over the ends to stop the tunnel unravelling. Fold outwards, like turning up trousers. You only need to fold over about an inch, do it twice to keep it secure.



Special thanks to The Rabbit House for the fun idea!

EXTRA IDEAS



Pennies For Paws Project

- 1.** Cover your container with construction paper. Decorate the paper with pet drawings. Cut out labels and attach somewhere on container.
- 2.** Visit a local business with your parents (school, church, etc.) and explain why you are collecting money for The Kansas Humane Society. Give your container to the business owner if they say it's okay, and stop by weekly or more often to check on your container.
- 3.** At the end of your drive or when your container is full, count and roll coins, and then bring in to KHS!
- 4.** (Optional) Print off Pennies For Paws Page (next page) and add to container.

Questions?

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- 1,000 pennies helps pay for a hamster to find a home
- 2,500 pennies supplies pet toys for 5 pets
- 5,000 pennies helps pay for a cat to find a home
- 20,000 pennies helps pay for a dog to find a home



PENNIES
F  **R PAWS** 

Donation Drive

The Kansas Humane Society is always thrilled to accept any in-kind or monetary donations. Below is a list of in-kind donations KHS collects.

- Kongs small: 3 = 1hr Kongs Large: 2 = 1hr
- Soft Dog Treats: 5 bags = 2hr
- Peanut Butter: 5 containers = 2hr
- Cat Toys: 10 toys = 2hr
- Hard Rubber Toys: 10 toys = 1hr
- Squeaky Toys: 10 toys = 1hr
- Small Mammal Enrichment Toys (birds too): 5 items = 1hr
- Pill Pockets for Cats or Dogs, all flavors: 5 bags = 1hr
- Replacement Milk Formula for Orphaned Puppies & Kittens: 5 container = 3hr
- Timothy Hay: 2 bags = 1hr
- Exercise Pens for Puppies or Kittens: 1 pen = 2hr
- Paper Towels: Two sets = 1hr
- Markers, Crayons, Colored Pencils: 5 sets = 1hr
- Clorox Wipes: 2 sets = 1hr