



CAT SCRATCHER



Providing your cat with a scratcher helps keep them healthy and happy. Make your own by following the instructions below! Cutting cardboard takes some muscle power so assist young ones as needed.

*Age level: 5 and up *Estimated time to complete project: 5-10 minutes

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MATERIALS NEEDED

- ★ Large cardboard boxes
- ★ Scissors
- ★ Ruler
- ★ Masking Tape
- ★ Markers
- ★ Decorative Duct Tape (optional)
- ★ Cat Nip (optional)



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STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS - PART 1

1. Break down and flatten your cardboard boxes.
2. Using a ruler and marker, outline a rectangle that is 2 inches wide by 20-24 inches long.
3. Repeat this until you have at least 10 rectangular strips.
4. Cut out each cardboard strip, leaving you with multiple strips to build your scratcher out of.



Tip 1: The more strips you cut the bigger the scratcher.

Tip 2: Mark your lines and cut across the inner holes - so that you see lines of small holes along the edges of each strip.





5. Bend and wear the cardboard to soften. Each strip will eventually be rolled. The softer the cardboard, the easier the roll (and the nicer the finished product!).
6. Tightly roll one cardboard strip into a tight cinnamon bun shape. Tape the strip of cardboard to itself to hold the roll.
7. Tape another strip of cardboard around the roll you just created and wrap around, enlarging the cinnamon roll shape.
8. When all the strips have been combined, secure with extra tape around the entire scratcher.
9. Decorate with markers or decorative duct tape. Sprinkle in some catnip and your cat is ready to play!



- Why do you think cats need to scratch?
- Why is it helpful to donate cat scratchers to an animal shelter?
- Why are toys necessary for cats to have a good quality of life?
- What other necessary items do cats need that can be donated to a shelter?

