

Cat Scratcher

Cats have a natural need to scratch. They must be allowed to do it somewhere! Providing them with an appropriate scratching area helps keep them happy and healthy. Here is a cat scratcher you can make at home. This scratcher requires some heavy cutting and muscle power, so adults should supervise and help younger children as needed.

MATERIALS:

- Large cardboard boxes
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Masking tape
- Markers
- Decorative duct tape (optional)
- Cat nip (optional)



Step 1:

Break down and flatten your cardboard boxes.

Step 2:

Using a ruler and marker, outline a rectangle that is 2 inches wide by 20-24 inches long. Repeat this until you have at least 10 rectangular strips. The more strips you use, the bigger the scratching post will be.

Step 3:

Cut out each cardboard strip, leaving you with multiple strips to build your scratcher out of.

Step 4:

Bend and wear at the cardboard to soften. Each strip will eventually be rolled. The softer the cardboard, the easier the roll, and the nicer the finish product. This is actually a decent workout!



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Step 5:

Tightly roll one cardboard strip into a tight cinnamon bun shape. Tape the strip of cardboard to itself to hold the roll.



Step 6:

Tape another strip of cardboard around the roll you just created and wrap around, enlarging the cinnamon roll shape.

Step 7:

When all the strips have been combined and rolled together, secure with extra tape around the entire scratcher.

Step 8:

Decorate with markers or decorative duct tape. Sprinkle some cat nip on top to encourage your cat to investigate their new gift!

