



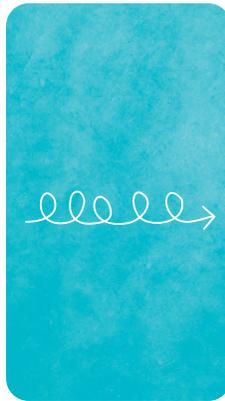
You will need:*

Plastic ring from milk jug

Scissors

5" x 5" piece of felt

*The ability to tie knots

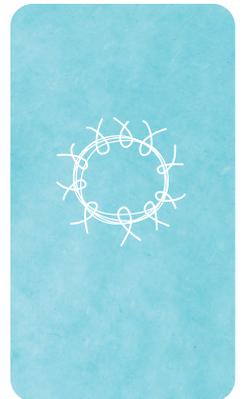


1 Cut fabric into 12 - 14 strips



2 Tie strips onto milk ring using double knot

3 Keep tying



Ta da!

Try multi-colored!

Try team colors!

Getting knotty

CAUTION: To ensure the safety of your pet, supervise your pet at all times during play. Do not allow your pet to play with the toy if any part of the toy comes loose or separated. This toy is intended to be used only with supervision.

Cat Fishing Rod

This cat toy that uses thicker dowel rods with eye hooks attached to one end. Ribbons are tied to the eye hook. Fun things like feathers can also be attached to the end of the ribbons by tying or with hot glue. The dowel rods can be painted with non-toxic paint or covered with colorful tape.



Cat and Dog Enrichment

The following enrichment ideas are more involved than the other ideas. One or two of either one would be great.

Snuffle mats

These food and treat search toys are awesome for dogs or cats. Video with directions found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gaZeXOvnXik>



DIY NO-SEW FLEECE BLANKETS

Making fleece no-sew blankets are great way to help dogs and cats at the BCSPCA. We often send these blankets home with adopters to give their new companion something familiar as they get adjusted to their new environment.

Many of our creative volunteers will pair a patterned fleece with a plain fleece. Cats and dogs aren't picky, but we like to see cheery patterns that brighten up cages and kennels. Fleece can be pricey, so be sure to shop the sales and take advantage of fabric store coupons to get the best deals possible.

We are often asked if we want the fleece to be stuffed, to create more of a bed. Because we need to be able to wash these blankets, we prefer fleece only / no stuffing.



How Big?

Animals are flexible, but we really like 24 – 25 inches square. You can certainly go bigger for dogs, but we are most in need of blankets for cats. We often have large blankets donated that work great for dogs, but are too big for cats!

What You'll Do:

Directions modified from: <http://thefrugalgirls.com/2011/12/no-sew-fleece-blanket.html>, Accessed 10/17/18



Line up both pieces of fleece with the 'wrong' or 'dull' sides facing in towards each other. Then lay that down on a flat surface. Trim off any extra pieces, so it's all nice and even, then carefully smooth out any bumps.

Cut a 4" x 4" square from each of the four corners.

Start snipping!



To cut the fringes, you can either use a rotary cutter with a cutting mat, or if you don't have one, simply use a ruler and sharp fabric scissors.

Cut each fringe about 1" wide, and 4" long. {I went just under 4", because I didn't want my fringes to be too dangly.} You can even take a piece of masking tape at this point and tape it down across the blanket as your guide, so you don't cut up too far.



Once you've completed the cutting, it's time to start tying those knots! You can do a simple knot, or even try a different style of knot... on this blanket I did the right over left knot, then left over right knot on each section. I guess it's called the 'Square Knot'? Whatever knot you choose, just be sure to double knot each time, so they don't come undone.

Alternate Knot Tying

From <https://www.instructables.com/id/No-Sew-Fleece-Blanket-1/>, Accessed 10/17/2018

Step 6: Begin Tying Knots



Leave your blanket flat on the surface, with all fringes lined up. I find it easier to start tying from the left and work right, going around the blanket. If you are left-handed, you may find it easier to start on the right work left. These knots are called balloon knots, tie them just like you would if tying off a balloon!