



Homemade Toys for Cats

Braid toys can be made with fleece. Cut the fabric into thin strips, tie a knot, braid, and then tie another knot. It's important not to use anything but the material to tie the knots (no wire or rubber bands) to make them safe for the animals. These need to be about 11-12 inches from knot to knot and braided thin and tight since we hang them between the bars of the cage. These should not measure more than ½ inch thick



Felt Feather Cat Toy can be made with nice colored felt, some little jingle bells, and some sturdy string. Using templates as guides, cut out one large and one small feather from two pieces of different colored medium-weight felt. With a hot iron, press a crease down the center of each feather. Add a jump ring to a jingle bell. Slip end of a 1-yard length of cord through jump ring. At bell, tie stems of feathers to cord with a square knot. Knot both ends of cord to prevent fraying.



Other Toys

Some other great toy ideas can be found at the following links:

- Sock Fish <http://www.marthastewart.com/264881/sock-fish>
- Feather cat toy from Martha Stewart <http://www.marthastewart.com/264923/feather-cat-toy>
- Catnip rat (ears and eyes are optional) <http://www.marthastewart.com/264819/catnip-rat-toy>

If you have any other ideas for making toys, please send to hmarcus@bvspca.org for approval.