

CAterpillar Toys

PURPOSE: Provide enrichment and fun for our shelter cats! The plastic grocery bags inside the toy creates an interesting sound for the cats.

TIME FRAME: This cat toy will take between 6-8 minutes to make.

***6 toys will count as one hour of service.**



MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Children's tights, knee high tights, or fabric tube measuring no less than 12" long and 2 ½" wide. Fabric material should be similar to that of thicker tights that do not tear easily.
- 3 - 6 plastic grocery bags
- Scissors
- Catnip (if desired)

Step 1:

If using a pair of tights, you will start by cutting off the legs so that they are two separate pieces. If using a knee-high tight or similar tube of fabric, you are ready to go.



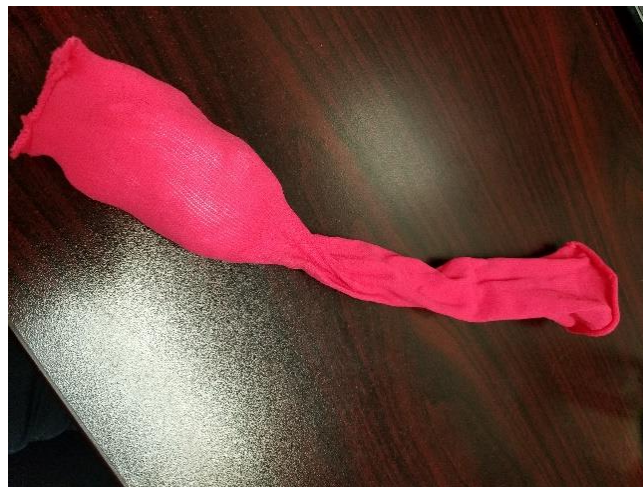
Step 2:

Take one plastic bag and gently stuff it into the sock or tight.



Step 3:

Push the plastic bag through the tube until it is all the way at the end. Place a pinch of catnip with the bag, if desired.



Step 4:

Tie a knot just before the plastic bag to keep in place. You want the bag to be bunched enough to create a shape, but loose enough to make a crunchy sound when touched.



Step 5:

Stuff another plastic bag (and catnip) into fabric tube until you get to the first knot. Secure with another knot.



Step 6:

Repeat this process until you run out of space in the fabric tube. This tube was on the smaller side and only ended up with 3 bags. You should end up with a minimum of 3 bags and a maximum of 6 bags.



Step 7:

Decorate the toy using fabric markers, and/or leave some excess fabric at the end and cut it into fringe. CATerpillar toy is now complete!

