Cat Tent

PURPOSE:

Cats love to hide and these cat tents allow cats to have a comfortable place to hide and sleep!

TIME FRAME:

30-40 minutes (not including shopping/gathering supplies)

*1 cat tent will count as one hour of service

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Masking Tape
- 2 wire hangers
- Medium t-shirt
- 15x15 inch piece of cardboard
- Wire Cutter
- Safety Pins
- Single hole punch
- Soft towel or small blanket
- Fabric markers or fabric dye

Step 1:

Cut out a 15 x15 inch cardboard square. This will be the base of your cat tent.

Step 2:
Reinforce the cardboard by using masking tape along the sides and any creases in the center. Make sure it is sturdy.

Step 3:
Use wire cutters to cut off the entire hook of the hanger.

Step 4:
Bend the hangers and shape them into arches.

Step 5:
Using a single hole punch, punch a hole in each corner of your cardboard square, about an inch form the edge.
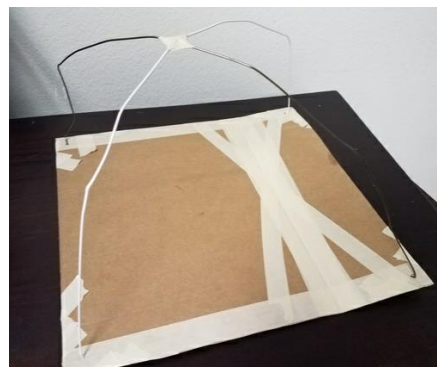

Step 6:
Cross the two hangers together like an X, taping them in the center. This will look like a raised X shape.

Step 7:
Push one end of a hanger into one corner hole of the cardboard, leaving about 1-2 inches of the hanger poking through the cardboard. Bend this piece down to lie flat on the cardboard. Repeat this step for the remaining three ends of the hanger, one per corner hole.

Step 8:

Tape down these 1-2 inch pieces of the hangers to the bottom of cardboard square. Make sure everything is secure and lined up. You should now have the frame of your tent.

Step 9:

A: Pull the t-shirt over the entire tent frame, positioning the neck opening in the front middle and the bottom of the shirt trailing behind.

B: Rotate everything so that the cardboard bottom is now facing you and the neck opening is pointing upwards.

C: Fold up the excess material from the bottom of the shirt and tighten it up so the neck hole is taut. Use multiple safety pins to secure the bottom. Pull the sleeves tight and safety pin them in place.

D: For extra security and safety, tape over the safety pins.

Step 10:

Place a towel or blanket inside the tent to provide a soft surface for the cat.

Step 11:

Decorate the tent with fabric markers. As a more colorful alternative, you can also tie-dye the t-shirt before starting. Cat tent is now complete!