

Dog Rope Toys

PURPOSE:

Provide enrichment and fun for our shelter dogs! This gives them something fun to do and adds something new to their kennel.



TIME FRAME:

The first time you make the toy, it will likely take about 10-15 minutes. After you get the hang of things, you will likely spend no more than 10 minutes making each toy after.

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

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Scissors for cutting fabric
- 3 strips of fleece (2in wide by 6ft long)
 - Purchasing Note: A 2-yard (6') piece of fabric will yield about 25 to 30 strips.
 - If you would like the same effect as the photos, you will need 3 different colors of fabric; however, using the same color also works.

Step 1:

Cut out 3 strips of 2"x6' fabric



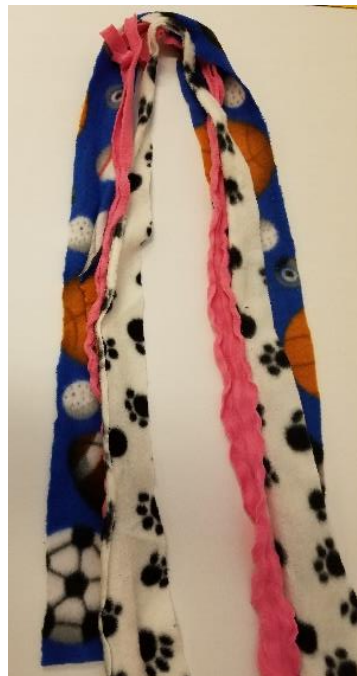
Step 2:

Lay all 3 strips together one on top of the other



Step 3:

Fold bundle of strips in half to find the middle.



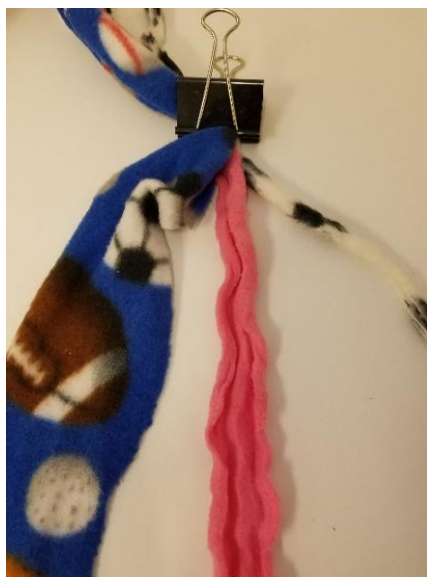
Step 4:

Hold the fabric about 5" from the middle.



Step 5:

Secure fabric 5" from the middle (This can be done with a clip, a rubber band, a friend's hand, etc.)



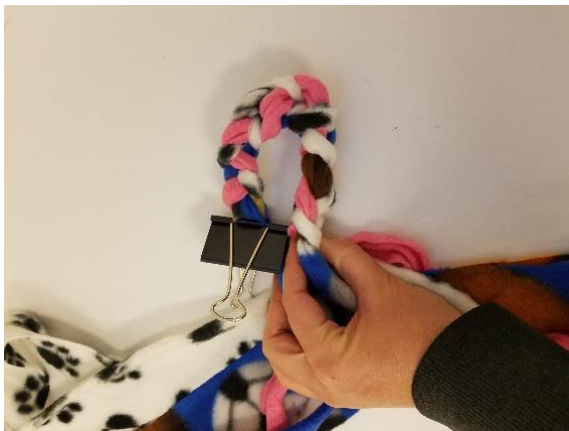
Step 6:

Braid the strips of fabric for about 10", using the secured spot as the starting point.



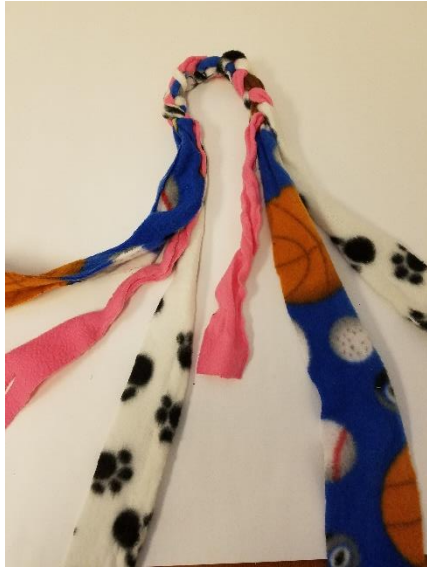
Step 7:

Fold the braid in half and remove clip. This braid becomes the handle of the toy.



Step 8:

There should be 6 loose strips of fabric. Match them up in pairs. If you have 3 different colors, you can pair them by color.



Step 9:

Now that you have sections, braid as far down as you can. The tighter the braid, the better.



Step 10:

When you get to the end, tie in a knot. You can either leave the loose ends or trim the excess, making sure the knot remains secure. If desired, snip the loose ends of fabric to create fringe.

