

FUN IDEAS TO HELP THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF ELKHART COUNTY



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Kitty Forts

Kitty forts are a perfect craft project for school or scout groups, family get-togethers or a birthday or holiday activity.

Kitty forts help keep the cats and kittens happy and alleviate stress while they await new, loving homes. They're bright and colorful, and made from simple cardboard boxes.

Items needed:

Cardboard box (12"x12"x12")

Construction paper

Paint, markers, crayons, etc.

Decorations

Nontoxic school glue

Scissors



Instructions:

- Select a cardboard box.
- Cut out a large opening for the front side (ask an adult for assistance)
- Cover the box with construction paper, butcher block paper or mailing paper
- Use only nontoxic school glue
- Decorate your kitty forts with ink stamps or small stickers

Please do not use string or yarn

Make Catnip Toys

We try to provide a healthy environment for the cats awaiting adoption, which includes giving them plenty of toys. One of their favorites is catnip-filled socks.

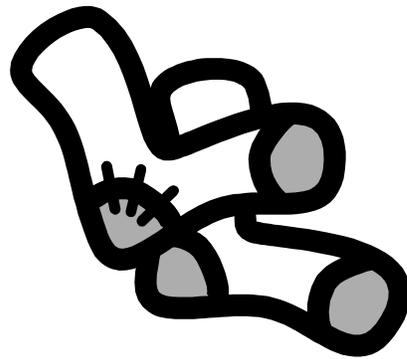
Items needed:

Baby socks

Cotton balls

Dried catnip

Needle & thread



Instructions:

Take a baby sock and place a cotton ball in the toe of the sock and heel of the sock. Depending on the size of the sock, you may need to add more cotton balls. Fill the center of the sock with a tablespoon of catnip. Sew off the top of the sock and clip any loose threads.

You're done!



Dog Bandanas

Become a designer and make your own Dog Bandanas! These bandanas will be used on dogs going home. You may even see someone walking their dog with your bandana!

Items needed:

Fabric

Needle & thread
or sewing machine

Personalized decoration



Instructions:

1. Find the right fabric. Go to your local fabric store and look for lightweight cotton or cotton blend materials
2. Cut fabric into 22 inch by 22 inch squares. For most dogs this size will be a good fit.
3. Fold diagonally. For a bandana to tie easily around the neck, fold it diagonally so that the two points meet
4. Hem $\frac{1}{2}$ inch along all three sides. Sew all three sides to ensure that the fabric doesn't separate.
5. Decorate it. Use fringe, stencils, paint or faux fur to line and distinguish the dog's bandana. You can even add our name!