DIY Foster Cat Kit

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5 Easy Projects Every Foster Cat Needs!

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These five fun projects are easy to make using simple materials and tools (no sewing required!) plus they will help your foster cat feel at home.

Scent Soakers

Cats leave their scent on soft surfaces to feel comfortable and at ease. All of these projects use soft materials that work perfectly as scent soakers.

Playtime!

Toys will help keep your foster cat active and engaged while allowing her to act out her hunting instincts. We have three fun toys that she'll love!

Safe Space to Hide

Cats often need a place to hide where they feel safe. We want to give them appropriate hiding places, a.k.a. "cocoons," so they won't try to hide under the bed or in the closet.

Goodies to Go!

Since all of these items are made with inexpensive materials, make a set for your foster cat to enjoy while he's with you, then pack everything up and send it with him to his forever home. This way he'll have familiar items in his new environment to help with the transition.

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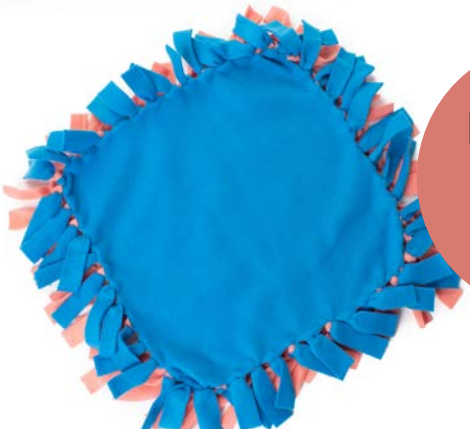
PROJECTS



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Have FUN!

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NO-SEW FLEECE BLANKET

MATERIALS & TOOLS

- Fleece
- Scissors
- Tape measure or yard stick

STEP 1: CUT FLEECE

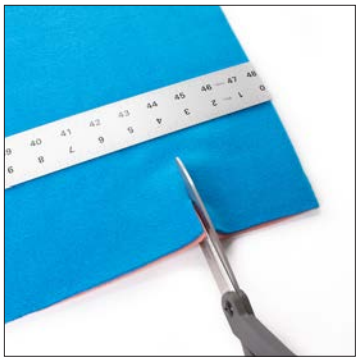
Cut two pieces of fleece the same size. To determine size, add 8" to length and width of finished blanket size

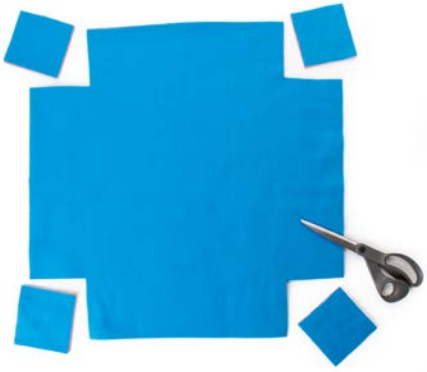
Example:

Finished blanket size: 14" x 18"
Cut fleece: 22" x 26" (14" + 8") x (18" + 8")

STEP 2: CUT CORNERS

Stack both pieces of fleece together and cut 4" x 4" squares from each corner.





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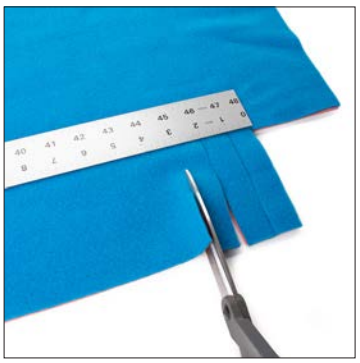
Step 3: Cut Strips

Cut strips 1" wide by 4" long on all four sides of both layers of fleece.



Step 4: Tie Strips

Tie each set of strips in a double knot.

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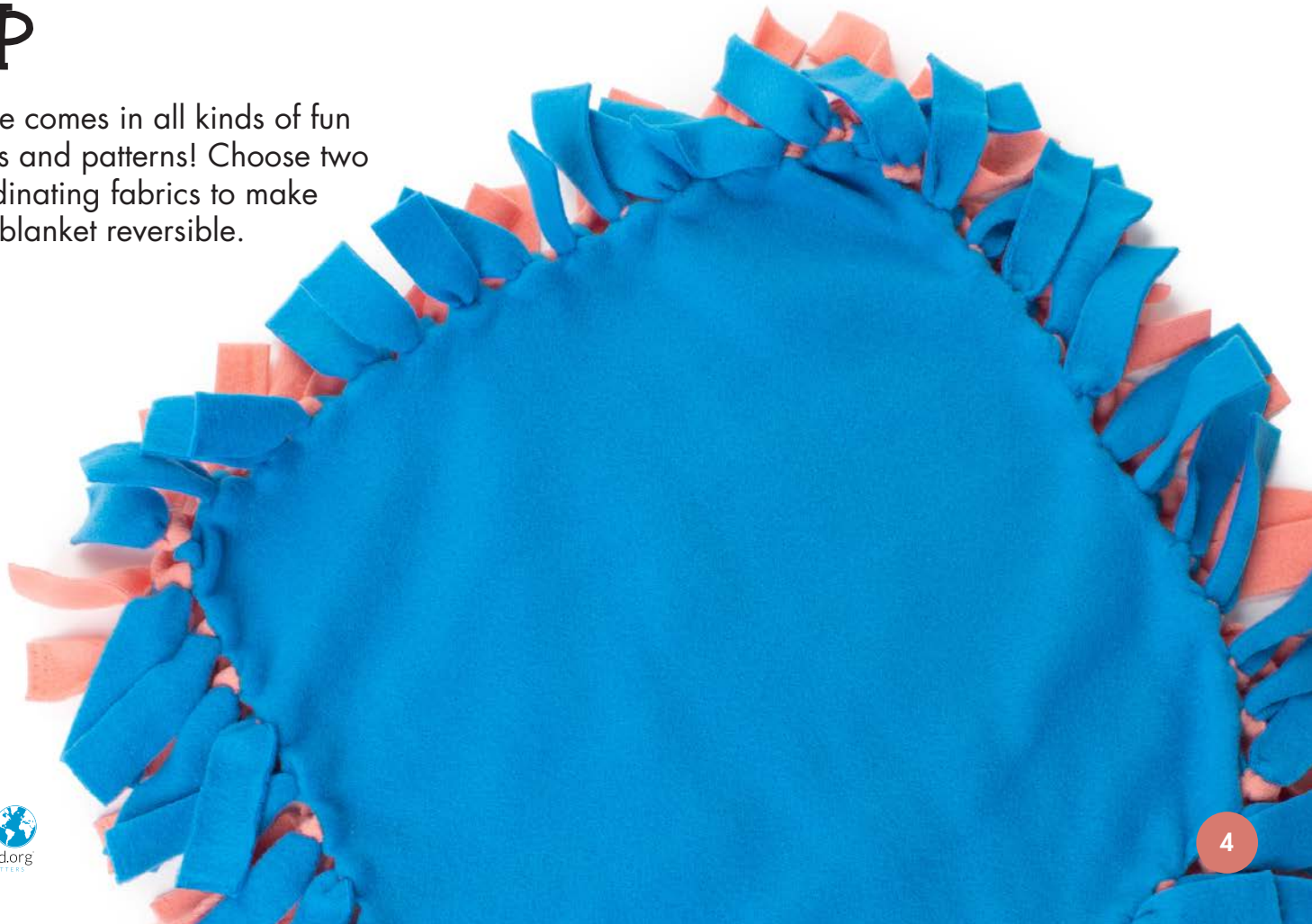
Fleece comes in all kinds of fun colors and patterns! Choose two coordinating fabrics to make your blanket reversible.



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DIY Cat Toys

Materials & Tools

- Fleece scraps
- String
- Catnip
- Jingle bells
- Chopsticks
- Scissors
- Something round that is about 6″ in diameter for tracing
- Pencil or pen
- Ruler
- Glue gun & glue sticks

Fleece Knots

1. Cut strips of fleece ~1″ wide by ~7″ long
2. Tie two or three strips together in a knot
3. Trim ends

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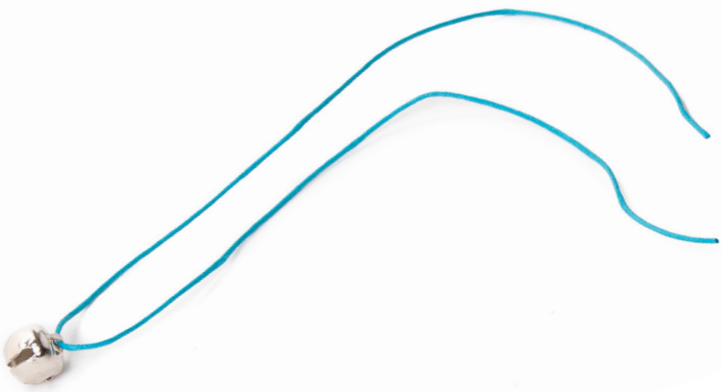
CATNIP POPS

1. Trace 6" circle on fleece scrap
2. Cut out circle
3. Cut piece of string ~18" long
4. Thread a bell on to middle of string
5. Place 1 tablespoon of catnip in center of fleece circle
6. Gather edges of fleece circle and wrap string around fleece several times
7. Tie knot and trim ends of string



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tassel teaser

1. Cut piece of fleece 4″ x 6″
2. Cut 1/2″ strips on long edge, leave strips connected like a hula skirt
3. Roll fleece around end of chopstick, gluing as you roll
4. Cut piece of string ~18″ long
5. Thread a bell on to middle of string
6. Wrap string around top of fleece roll
7. Tie knot and trim ends of string

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Use scraps from your fleece blanket so everything coordinates!

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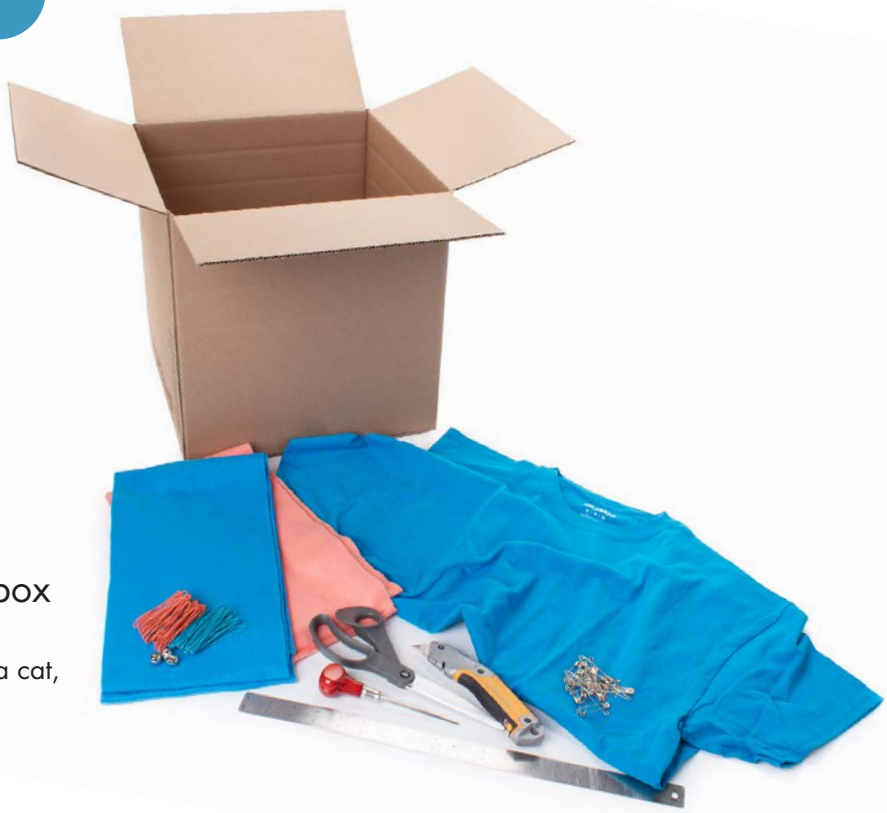
t-SHIRT COCOON



MATERIALS & TOOLS

- Cardboard box ~14" x 14" x 14"
- T-shirt
- Safety pins
- Fleece scraps
- String
- Jingle bell
- Scissors
- Utility knife
- Awl or something to poke holes in box

Note: You can use any size box that is a good fit for a cat, just make sure that the t-shirt fits snugly over the box.

STEP 1: MAKE TOY

- Cut 8 strips of fleece 1/2" wide by 7" long
- Cut piece of string ~18" long
- Thread a bell on to middle of string
- Tie string around center of fleece strips with a tight knot
- DO NOT trim ends of string

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Step 2: Prepare Box

- Assemble box and cut 4 flaps off top so one side is open
- Punch two small holes ~1" apart in the middle of one side of the box, this side will be the top of the cocoon

Step 3: Prepare t-Shirt

- Turn t-shirt inside out
- Fold sleeves as shown with seam at center and pin each sleeve closed with safety pins (or you can sew the sleeves closed)

- Cut small hole in bottom hem of t-shirt
- Cut piece of string ~80" long
- Tie one end of string to a safety pin
- Close safety pin and feed through hole into the hem
- Work the safety pin all the way around the t-shirt hem, pulling the string through hem and back out the hole
- Leave two long tails of string

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Step 4: Assemble

- Attach toy inside box by threading strings through holes and tying a knot
- Trim ends of string

- Turn t-shirt right side out and pull over box positioning neck hole over open side
- At back of box, pull both ends of string in t-shirt hem to cinch bottom of shirt together
- Tie string in a bow and tuck inside t-shirt
- OR if t-shirt is loose, wrap string around gathered hem and tie in a knot

- Tuck both sleeves in to create pockets on sides of box

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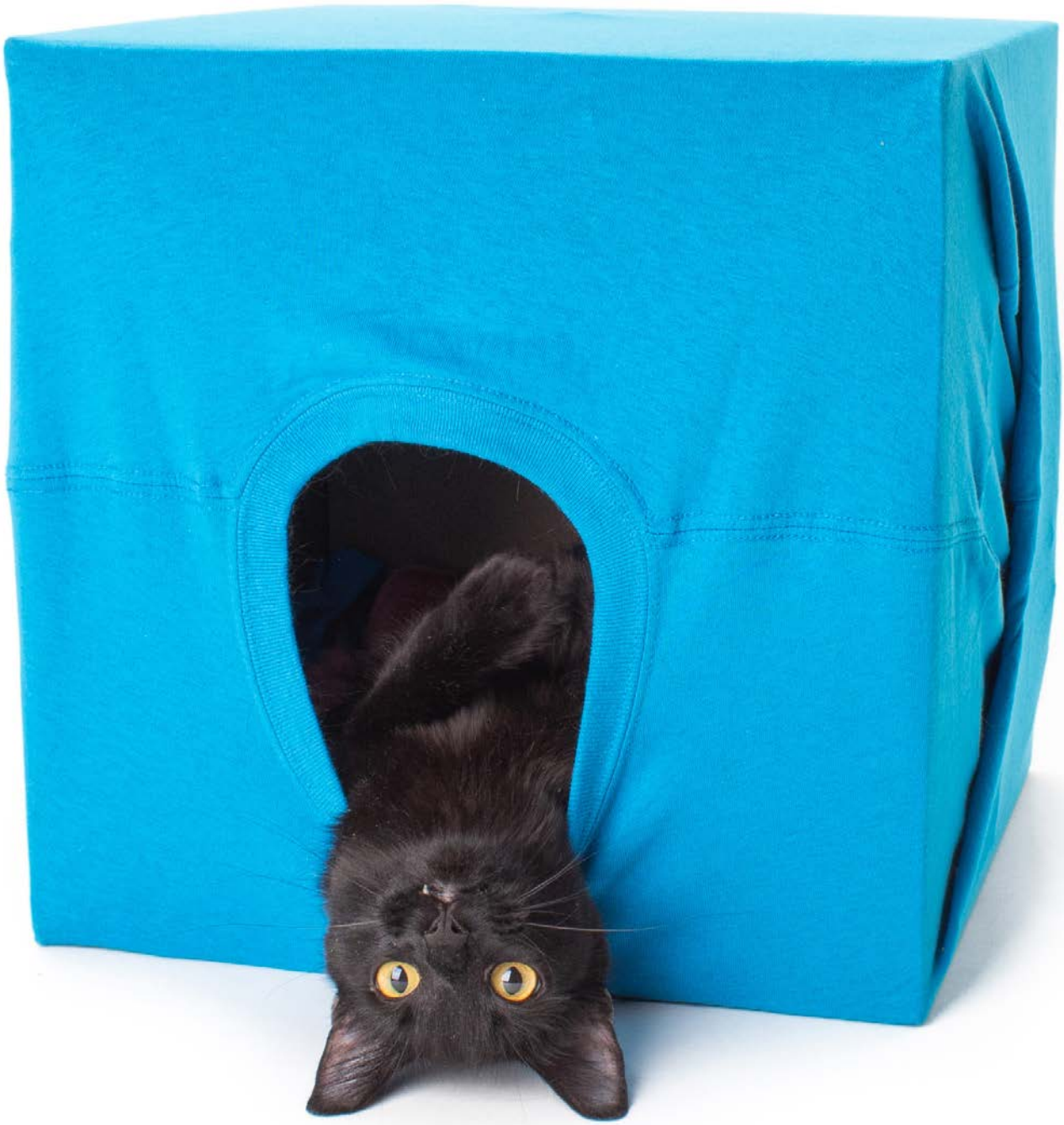

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Place fleece blanket inside cocoon for extra coziness!

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