



STAFFORD COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

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DIY CATNIP TOY FOR SHELTER CATS

A baby's sock is the perfect size for this project and you can find some cute colors and patterns to use. You can buy dried catnip or you can grow your own catnip and dry it yourself. Just follow the simple directions below and in less than 10 minutes you can make this fun toy for our shelter kitties.

Supplies Needed:

Dried catnip
Baby socks - 1 pair
Yarn
Small bell - optional
Scissors
Spoon or funnel



Directions:

Place the dried catnip inside one of the socks using a spoon or a funnel. Fill it halfway. Keeping the catnip tightly packed in the sock, tie the open end with yarn. Fold the excess edge of the sock back around the catnip end forming a small ball. Take the second sock and drop the bell inside. It's a good idea to place the bell inside the sock so there is no chance that your pet, or a small child, could swallow it.

Next, take the catnip sock and place it, tied end first, into the second sock. (Doubling the sock prevents the catnip from possibly coming out of the toy as the yarn loosens over time.) Tie the open end tightly with yarn or you could just knot the end of the sock. Since cats like to eat yarn, please make sure to cut the ends very short so there is no danger of kitties accidentally swallowing any.

These toys are easy to make and will provide our kitties with hours of entertainment. Thank you!!!