

Cat Toys

Stuffed Cloth

You can create small stuffed toys for kittens with fleece fabric. It doesn't need to be anything fancy, no eyes or buttons, but the softer the better. Kittens like to bat them around and sometimes the toy will even become personal to the cat, like a young child's security blanket is to them. Adult cats like stuffed toys that are long and thin (like an adult's forearm) that they can grab with their front feet and kick with their back.

Noise Makers

Noise makers are another cat favorite! Not too much noise though, or else the cat or kitten will get scared. Usually something like an old film canister with a little pebble or penny inside makes a great cat toy. Anything plastic that has a top that can be securely fastened will work fine. For the rattle, do not use dry cat food, as this will make the cat try to open the toy to get the food. The plastic pieces can hurt your cat's digestive track.

Scratching Posts

A cat scratches at things not only for play, but to strengthen its "grip" and other muscles. It is natural for cats to scratch and a cat "cannot" be made to not scratch. Even de-clawed cats will attempt to scratch and claw objects. To make one, just attach a piece of carpet around a piece of non-treated wood or use hot glue to attach sisal rope to the wood. You can attach that to a flat base and you have made a cat scratching post!

Ribbons

BEWARE: *No ribbon should ever be used as cat toys. These can be shredded by your cat and can have serious effects to your cat's digestive track and can be fatal. This includes any ribbons attached to cat toys as well as ribbons used for Christmas or other gifts. Easter grass is ribbon also. All ribbons should be cut off any cat toy having them.*