

Woods Humane Society



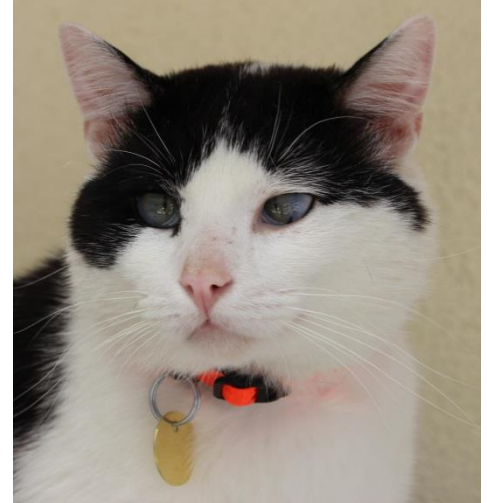
Independent Community Service  
Projects Book

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## Community Service Projects

Woods Humane Society is a private, non-profit organization that depends greatly on volunteers from the community. With your generous support, we are able to house, feed, and give much needed medical attention to the homeless animals in our community.

If you are a student that needs to perform community service for a community action project or would just like to help the animals at Woods Humane Society, there are several different things that you can do.

The following list is provided to offer some project ideas. You will be responsible for keeping track of your own hours from start to finish. The Humane Education Coordinator or another Woods employee can sign off on your hours at the end of your project. Please email [HumaneEd@WoodsHumane.org](mailto:HumaneEd@WoodsHumane.org) to have your paperwork signed.

Be careful, have fun, and thank you for choosing to help in supporting the animals here at Woods Humane Society!

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# Catnip Fish Toy (24 Fish Toys = 6 hrs.)

Shaped like a fish and full of catnip! This toy is too good for any cat to resist! They'll play with this toy in many different ways, tossing it in the air, maybe play a game of chase, hitting it around. These are fabric sewn fish toys that any cat will love!



## Materials:

- Pencil
- Paper
- Fabric
- Pins
- Pinking shears
- Cotton batting or wool scraps
- Piece of paper
- Catnip
- Needle and thread
- Upholstery needle and thin sturdy twine, for hanging

## Instructions:

STEP 1 Draw and cut out fish shape. Trace the fish shape onto two layers of fabric. Cut out shapes.

STEP 2 Pin right sides together, leaving 1/4-inch seam allowance. Sew seam, and leave 1 1/2-inch opening for filling.

STEP 3 Trim seams with pinking shears.

STEP 4 Turn right side out. Press seams flat.

STEP 5 Stuff with cotton batting or wool scraps until firm. Shape a piece of paper into a funnel, and use it to add 1 to 2 tablespoons of dried catnip or to fill the whole toy with catnip.

STEP 6 Hand-stitch opening closed.

STEP 7 If desired, make fishing line: Thread an upholstery needle with 30 inches of thin sturdy twine, and sew through the seam of the fish's mouth. Tie knot to secure.

# Catnip Rat

(24 Catnip Rats = 6 hrs.)

Anything full of catnip is sure to entice a furry feline! These felt made rats are adorable and sure to give any cat or kitten at Woods a good time!



## Materials:

- Catnip Rat Template
- Felt
- Stuffing
- Rope
- Catnip
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun and hot glue sticks
- Extra felt (optional for eyes)

## Instructions:

STEP 1 Follow link to access template. [www.marthastewart.com/272149/catnip-rat](http://www.marthastewart.com/272149/catnip-rat) Using the 7 1/2-inch template, trace and cut out the bottom and side pieces of felt, using the circles for ears.

STEP 2 Glue the top edges of the side pieces to each other. Glue the bottom piece of felt to the bottom of the side pieces. Be sure to leave an opening in the back to insert stuffing.

STEP 3 For your stuffing, use cotton batting and catnip. Cut a piece of rope for the rat's tail and stuff in the back of the rat. Seal with glue, and glue on the ears. To add eyes, use a marker or felt.

# Cork Toy

(24 Cork Toys = 2 hrs.)

These rolling colorful toys give any cat something new and exciting to play along with! The corks are safe and sure to roll in any direction giving the cats something to chase!



## Materials:

- Corks
- Scissors
- Wavy ribbon
- Nontoxic Glue

## Instructions:

### STEP 1

Cut four to eight 4" strands of wavy ribbon

### STEP 2

Separate wavy ribbon into two groups and tie a knot at one end of each group

### STEP 3

Glue knotted end of ribbon to each side of the cork

# Tube Pyramid (4 Tube Pyramids = 2 hrs.)

Give the cats something to push their cat strategies to the limit! This tube pyramid allows the cats to think outside of their usual chase and attack games. Having to strategize using their paws to reach into whatever they desire (cat treats, small toys, or even shredded paper with sprinkled Catnip) and pull it out for some fun, or for a yummy treat!



## Materials:

- Toilet Paper Rolls
- Hot Glue Gun
- Hot Glue Sticks
- Small Box
- Shredded Paper

## Instructions:

### Option 1

#### STEP 1

Glue toilet paper rolls together in the form of a pyramid.

#### STEP 2

Hide cat treats, small toys, or even shredded paper with sprinkled Catnip.

### Option 2

#### STEP 3

Take a small box and glue ends of tubes to the inside of the box.

#### STEP 4

Hide cat treats, small toys, or even shredded paper with sprinkled Catnip.

# T-Shirt Cat Tent

2 Cat Tents = 2 hrs.)

Ever go looking for your cat and they're nowhere to be found? Cats love a nice hiding place, or dark cozy space to sleep safe and soundly! Make this easy, fun, t-shirt cat tent to give the cats a safe haven to hang out in!



## Materials:

- Old Medium to Large T-Shirts (Can be purchased at HSCO Thrift Store) • Wire Hangers
- Roughly 15" x 15" x 3" Cardboard Box (Or lids for filing boxes)
- Tape
- Hair Ties • Wire Cutters or Pliers

## Instructions:

### STEP 1

Cut the hooks off hangers and shape the wires into arcs.

### STEP 2

Poke a small hole in all four corners of your box.

STEP 3 "Criss-Cross" hangers and tape together at the top to form a tent like frame.



STEP 4

Poke the four ends of the hanger frame down through the four holes in your box. On the bottom of the box bend the wires over and tape to the bottom of box.

STEP 5

Pull the T-shirt over the frame and position the shirt so that the neck hole is in the front middle to create a door.

STEP 6

Pull all loose fabric, fold over and gather with hair tie so that there is only one opening to the tent. \* Make sure that hair ties are hidden and secure.

# Cardboard Cat House (5 Cat Houses = 5 hrs.)

Here's an awesome way to give any cat a nice space of their own! Build this fun cardboard cat house, decorate it, paint it, spruce it up to give the cats a home like space to chill out and get away in!



## Materials:

- Door and window templates (pdf format)
- 3 same-size sturdy cardboard boxes (we used 12-by-14-by-18-inch boxes from UPS; use larger boxes for a large cat)
- Pencil
- Bone folder
- Ruler
- Retractable razor blade or utility knife
- Self-healing mat\*
- Hot-glue gun

## Instructions:

### STEP 1

Download and print door and window templates; cut out. Position door and window templates on one box as desired, using a ruler for placement. Trace templates onto box with a pencil. Slide a self-healing mat inside the box, and position it behind the windows as you cut out the panes. Position the self-healing mat behind the door; cut the curved top edge, the flat bottom edge, and

down the center. Fold open along straight sides. Repeat tracing and cutting on second box, using window template only.

STEP 2 Assemble bottom of the first box (the one with the door): Fold in two opposite flaps, generously coat them with hot glue, then fold the remaining two flaps over them. Hold flaps in place until the glue is set. On the open end of the box, cut the flap off of each long side. Cut off half of the flap from one short side, as pictured; fold it in. Secure flaps to side of box with a line of hot glue. Hold flaps in place until glue is set.

#### STEP 3

Begin making the roof: On the top end of the second box, use a ruler and pencil to draw a line from the top center of one short-side flap to one bottom corner; draw a second line from the top center to the other bottom corner. Repeat on the opposite short-side flap. Cut off one long-side flap, as pictured; set aside. Cut along a penciled line to remove a triangle shape from one short-side flap, as pictured; score the second line. Repeat on second short-side flap, cutting along one line and scoring the other.

#### STEP 4

Cut long-side flaps from the bottom of second box. Cut one short-side flap so that when the box is assembled and stacked on the bottom box, the holes will line up. Secure the flaps to the side of the box with a line of hot glue. Hold flaps in place until glue is set. Coat the top of the bottom box with a generous layer of hot glue. Position the bottom of the top box over it, and hold in place until the glue is set. Use one of the reserved short side flaps and coat one side of it with a generous layer of hot glue. Place it, glue-coated-side down, as pictured, on the "floor" of the top box for reinforcement.

#### STEP 5

Cut the roof piece (21 1/4-by-46 inches) from third box with a crease down its center when folded short-end to short-end. To attach roof, fold along the scored lines on the short-side flaps at the top of the house. Glue long flap to the folded triangles from the short sides. Generously coat the folded-in pieces with hot glue, and position the roof over them. Hold in place until glue is set. (Don't glue other side of the roof closed. Your cat will enjoy peeking out from under it.)

# Fleece Braid (10 Fleece Braids = 2 hrs.)

Did someone say Tug-a-War? Dogs love a good game of Tug-a-war ! These fleece braids are not only fun for the person making them, choose your favorite colors and patterns, but dogs love these fun toys! Safe for chewing or playing with another friend!



## Materials:

- Fleece
- Fabric Scissors
- Yard Stick

## Instructions:

### STEP 1

Using yard stick cut three to six strips of fleece.

### STEP 2

Gather strips of fleece and tie large knot at one end.

### STEP 3

Separate fleece strips into three sections then braid... leave enough fleece at the other end to tie knot.

Note: Fleece braids can vary in width and length. Do try to keep the length under two feet.



- Collect Items from the “Wish List”. Think of a way to have the items on our wish list donated (See our website for the most current items: <http://www.woodshumanesociety.org/donate/wish-list.php>). Local businesses may donate, or you can organize a donation drive in your own neighborhood. Friends and neighbors often have gently used bedding and towels they may be willing to donate. They may even want to donate cash so that you can buy some pet toys. You will need to contact the shelter to set up a time to drop off all of your goodies and pick up a donation receipt, if necessary.
- Have your own fundraiser. You can have a bake sale, rummage sale, or car wash for Woods Humane Society. Clean out your garage and have the proceeds benefit Woods. Make signs advertising that the money is for Woods and our homeless pets.
- Recycle. Collect aluminum cans from anywhere you can think of. Ask businesses to let you put bins beside their soda machines, start a recycling project at school or collect cans at home and from your neighbors. Turn the cans in to a recycling center for money and donate the proceeds to benefit Woods.
- Create your own “Wish List”. Come up with your own list of things that you think would benefit the shelter. Be sure to ask our Humane Education Coordinator to ensure those goods can be put to good use. Attach the list and a note explaining your project to a paper bag. You can drop off the paper bags around your neighborhood and let people know if they are interested in donating, they can put items in the bag and you will come back to pick them up at a certain time.
- Have a stuffed toy drive. Collect stuffed toys for the dogs at Woods Humane Society. Ask your teacher if you can leave a bin by your classroom door, and ask your classmates to bring a stuffed animal to donate. Spread the word around your school that you are helping the dogs at Woods.

*Thank you for your hard work!*