



# THE WILDCAT SANCTUARY

## "Squidlet" Cat Toy Instructions

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For use by The Wildcat Sanctuary

Making these cat toys is a great way to spend an afternoon and will give your appropriate pet hours of fun. These toys are so simple to make that you may want to buy enough fabric to make extra so that you can sell them to friends and family and raise funds for The Wildcat Sanctuary.

If you are a young person, please ask an adult to help you cut the pieces out or use a sewing machine!

### You'll need:

- 1/2 yard of fleece
- Loose catnip
- Soft Polyester or Cotton stuffing
- Sewing machine (or needle!)
- Thread to match fabric (or accent it!)
- Sharp shears or scissors

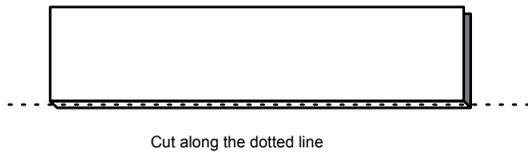
**Optional**  
Feathers

### Step 1: Cut your fabric

If you bought 1/2 yard of fabric, this next step will be super easy.

Lay the fabric flat and fold it in half so you have a really long rectangle.

Cut along the fold so that you have two long rectangles of fabric that are about 9" tall and 50" long. (This depends on the fabric you've purchased, and does not need to be exact. The cats don't care, they just want the catnip!)

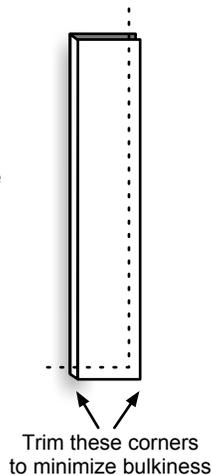


### Step 3: Start sewing

Take one piece of fabric and fold it in half lengthwise so that it is very skinny. Make sure the right side is inside so that when you flip it out the pattern will be on the outside.

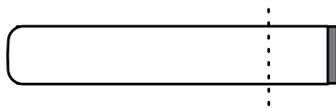
Using a sewing machine or a backstitch, stitch along the outside edges in an L-shape. Leave about 1/4 inch seam allowance.

Optional: Trim the corners at the bottom. Be careful not to cut your stitches! This will reduce bulkiness when you flip it in the next step.



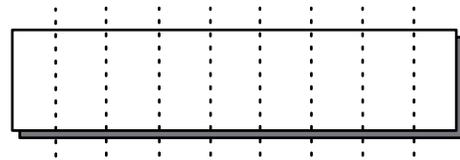
### Step 5: Sew the end closed

Using your sewing machine, or a backstitch if you are hand-sewing, sew the end of the toy closed so that the batting and catnip are packed snugly. Leave plenty of fabric at the end for the next step.



### Step 2: Cut the individual pieces

Keep the two strips of fabric stacked together and start cutting smaller pieces that are about 4" wide. Remember, nothing about this is exact! Stack all of the pieces together into a pile.



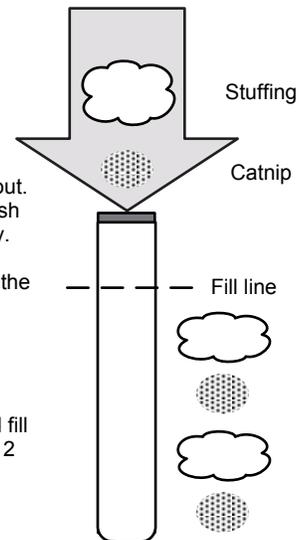
### Step 4: Flip and stuff

Turn the tube of fabric right-side out. It might help to use a pencil to push the bottom corners out all the way.

Put a generous pinch of catnip in the bottom of the toy.

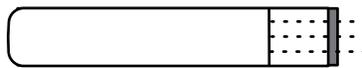
Stuff the toy with your polyester/cotton stuffing about halfway.

Put another pinch of catnip in and fill the rest of the way, leaving about 2 inches for the next step.



### Step 6: Make the tentacles

Cut the "tentacles" using your scissors. Be careful not to cut into your stitches. Don't make them too skinny or your cat might rip them off.



And that's it! Don't forget to experiment with this idea! You can fold it the other way so you end up with a fat squidlet or add feathers before you sew the end closed in step 5. These are really easy to make, I tend to throw a movie in and make a couple of batches in one afternoon. Your kitties will thank you! >^,^<