



## Linen Cat Toy Tutorial

### Description



Make something for your faithful companion using our favorite fabric....linen!

This cat toy is inspired by Martha Stewart's [Catnip Fish Toy](#). I stuffed my adorable cat toys with cotton rather than catnip, but you can fill yours with catnip if you like.

I chose my colors based on what pieces of linen I had leftover from other projects. I wonder if there are certain colors cats are more attracted

to....does anyone reading know? If so, I'd love to know!

The steps for this are incredibly easy-to-follow and don't even require a sewing machine if you don't want to break yours out.

Even the clumsiest sewing skills work just fine for this craft! It's all about having fun making a simple craft for your little pet. In fact, I always think it adds a certain charm when something is hand-stitched.

Well then, let's get this craft started! You only need a few materials to make this playful fish toy for your feline friend.



## Materials:

- Linen
- Cotton stuffing (which I tend to refer to simply as “fluff”)
- Scissors
- Needle and thread
- Twine (optional)
- Catnip (optional)
- Fish Template (available [here](#))



The first thing we must do is cut out two fish shapes from our linen. Martha Stewart's website includes an easy pattern that you can trace onto your linen and then cut out. Just print the pattern, cut it out, and then trace it onto your fabric twice.



Then, cut out your two fishes.



Place the two cut-out fishes on top of each other so all the edges line up. Then, thread your needle and begin to stitch them together. Stitch about a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from the edge.



I start at the side with the mouth and work my way around, leaving an opening of about an inch and a half at the mouth. This opening is crucial!

Without leaving a little space at the end, stuffing our little fish full of fluff will be impossible.



Turn the fish right side out and flatten the seams with your fingers.



Grab your “fluff” in cram as much as you can inside your fish. You’ll be amazed at how much fluff you can fit in there! If you have some catnip around, then you can fill the toy with that instead or just put a little inside with

the fluff.



If you want to attach a piece of string to the end of the toy, this is the time to do so. I used twine for mine and inserted it through a whole I made with a needle.



I tightly knotted the end so it will be able to survive even an extra feisty kitty. You can knot the other end in a loop to fit around your hand if you like also.



Hand-stitch



That's all you have to do to make an adorable fish-shaped toy for your cat! This also makes a great toy for a puppy or small dog (I would just omit the

catnip step!).

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