

# MAKE

# Presents for Pets

This year, we're upcycling. It's a great way to save the pennies as well as the environment. Besides, making presents is loads of fun and you'll feel proud when your pet plays with their new favourite toy.

## Cats ...

### Catnip Cat Toys

Cats go crazy for **catnip**, a plant that contains an oil called nepetalactone. When cats smell this special oil, it gives them a sensation of overwhelming happiness.

### Catnip Knots

**You will need:**

- A rectangle of fleece fabric
- Catnip - you can buy this from all good pet shops

1. Pour a small amount of catnip into the middle of the fleece.

2. Fold one side of the fleece so it just covers the catnip and roll the fleece into a sausage shape.

3. Loop the fleece so you're ready to tie your knot, then tie it and make sure it's really tight!

### Cute Catnip Mice

**You will need:**

- 2 pieces of felt or patterned fabric
- Catnip
- String
- Cotton and a needle
- Scissors

1. Fold your felt in half.

2. Cut a half circle out of the folded edge.

3. Open out your circle and add your catnip and string tail - you can use one piece of string or make a plait - just make sure you tie a knot at the end.

4. Fold your circle in half.

## Rabbits ...

Rabbits love cardboard because it contains something called cellulose which can also be found in a lot of the plants and vegetables that they eat.

### You will need:

- Cardboard rolls of all shapes and sizes
- Scissors

### DIY rabbit tubes

**Tip:** You will find cardboard rolls inside things around the house such as loo roll, kitchen roll, cling film and foil.

There's no right or wrong way to make fun tubes for your rabbits. Simply get creative with a pair of scissors and remember, it doesn't need to be neat or colourful - your rabbits will love plain and simple and will probably destroy it in a day.

Once you're happy with your creations, fill them with hay, food or shredded plain paper.

**Be careful not to use newspaper as the ink can be poisonous to rabbits.**

5. Cut a small oval shape out of a different piece of fabric and fold it in half to make two ears.

6. Add your ears to your mouse and sew along the edge of the circle. Make sure you sew it tight and leave no gaps or the catnip will leak.



Hugs and kisses to you Boo! xoxoxo

To Bear, Christmas hugs xoxoxo

Love at Christmas time Rocco X

