

AT HOME SERVICE PROJECTS FOR DOG ENRICHMENT

OCTOPUS DOG TOY



YOU NEED:

- Tennis ball
- 2 pieces of fleece (44" x 6")
- 1 piece of fleece (10" x 1")
- Scissors

DIRECTIONS

- Use scissors to cut fleece into 2 pieces measuring 44" by 6" and 1 piece measuring 10" x 1".

- Lay the two wide strips of fabric in the shape of an X and place the ball in the middle.
- Wrap the ball with all the layers and gather the strips at the bottom of the ball.
- Take your skinny strip and tie a tight double knot to secure the fabric-wrapped ball. Now you should have four wide strips hanging from the base of your ball.
- Cut each of the four strips into three even sections. You will have 12 sections total.
- Braid the 3 newly cut strips and knot it at the bottom. Repeat until you have 4 braids total.
- Note: it is very important that the braids be tight. If the braids are loose, we will be unable to give them to the dogs due to safety issues

To learn more about this craft, check out this [video](#).

DIY SNUFFLE MAT

YOU NEED:

- Rubber Sink Mat with holes (12 x 15 inches is recommended)
- 1 yard of fleece (thinner fleece is better)
- Scissors

DIRECTIONS:

1. Cut fleece into strips. The strips should be about 1.5 inches wide, and anywhere from 4 to 8 inches long. Variety in length makes for a more interactive mat.
2. Starting on the edge of the first row of the mat, take a strip of fleece and push one end through the first hole of the first row and the other through the second. Flip the mat over and tie the strip once (no need to double knot it).
3. Take a second strip and push one end through the second hole alongside the strip already there, then push the other end through the third hole. Again, turn over the mat and knot the strip. Continue until you finish one length of the rubber mat. Repeat on the second row of holes.
4. When you have two rows done, take a strip of fleece and push one end through the first hole in the first row, then push the other end through the first hole in the second row. Turn the mat over and single-knot the fleece. This strip is at right angles to the first one. Continue between the first and second rows until completed.
5. Repeat this process on subsequent rows until all holes in the mat have been filled in.

6. When done, check the bottom of the mat to make sure there are no empty holes or missed cross strips. If you find some, fill them in and then turn the mat over, loose strip side up, and fluff the strips.



RECIPE FOR OAT DOG BISCUITS

YOU NEED:

- 5 cups rolled oats (not quick)
- 1 cup chicken or beef broth/stock (or 1 tsp bouillon granules in 1 cup hot water)
- 2 eggs
- 1-2 tsp salt (optional)

DIRECTIONS:

- Preheat oven to 350°
- Dissolve bouillon in hot water
- Add remaining ingredients
- Knead dough until it forms a ball (approximately 3 minutes)
- Roll dough until $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick
- Cut into slices or bone shapes
- Place dough pieces on lightly greased cookie sheet
- Bake for 30 minutes

PUMPKIN CARROT DOG TREATS

YOU NEED:

- 3/4 cup canned pumpkin (please use the kind that ONLY has pumpkin in it)
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1/4 cup shredded carrots
- 1 cup whole wheat flour

DIRECTIONS

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Stir pumpkin, egg, carrots and flour in a large bowl until moistened.
- Roll the batter into small balls and place on a baking sheet.
- Bake for 30 - 35 minutes.