Cat Castles
Design Tips:

• Consider the size of your cat for holes and castle sizes

• If you have an ‘ahem’ large cat, consider doubling up the cardboard for weight bearing components

• Don’t incorporate anything a cat could swallow – glitter, sequins, beads...

• Color: cats don’t see colors the same way humans do, so reflect YOUR style

• Add comfy touches such as pillows and blankets
Adding details

• Tissue boxes and other small boxes
• Poster board, cereal boxes
• TP tubes
• Sisal
• Twine
• Colored paper
• Catnip
Construction process

• Use masking tape to hold parts together while glue dries (you’ll do this at home), or to close up boxes before construction

• Glue: Use nontoxic glue such as white craft glue or Elmer’s glue

• Wrapping paper – easier than waiting for paint to dry!

• Consider adding felt
Tools

- Yardsticks
- Measuring tape
- Utility knives
- Scissors
- Make-Do tools
Techniques - Scoring

• Curving or rolling cardboard: apparently rolling cardboard around a rolling pin is the best way to get cardboard to curl.

• Score and fold – score on the outside of the cardboard where you’d like the fold to be. DO NOT CUT ALL THE WAY THROUGH.
  • A. Score the outside
  • B. Fold the inside.
Techniques – Using a Utility Knife

• Only grownups, please
• Use the cutting station – cardboard “cutting board”
• Lock the blade
• Cut along a steel ruler or yardstick
• Cutting curves: move the cardboard as you go
• Use gentle pressure and make several passes
• Retract the blade when done
Some Ideas!