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Let's make Rope Toys for dogs!

Purpose: Animal shelters and rescues appreciate rope toys – especially for larger dogs. A friendly game of tug of war is fun and stimulating for dogs and provides an easy way to socialize and play. And, they are fun to make!

Materials List:

1) Old T-shirts

Gather your old t-shirts, ask your friends for theirs or even collect them at your school. Different colors and sizes all work.

2) Scissors

A good pair of scissors will be useful in cutting the t-shirts.



Instructions:

You can make different length rope toys with some being thick and some thin. They don't have to be exactly the same.

- 1) Lay your t-shirt on a flat surface. Starting at the bottom of your t-shirt cut along the side seams until you cut off each sleeve. You will be left with the front side, back side and 2 sleeves. You can use the sleeve pieces to tie the strips in step 4.

Tip: you can actually rip t-shirts if that's easier.

- 2) Cut t-shirt sides into strips – about 2 to 4" wide.
- 3) Choose 3 strips about the same length. You can select 3 different colors or all the same. Mix and match - up to you!

Note: you can even make a rope toy with 2 strips or more than 3 strips.

- 4) Cut a piece of the sleeve to tie off one end about 1 to 2 inches from the top.
- 5) Braid away!
- 6) Knot the other end the same way.
- 7) Repeat for remaining strips of fabric. Have fun!



Approximate time to make one rope toy: 15 minutes or less. Video Reference:

<https://www.tiktok.com/@livekindly/video/7200141432152182059>