

# Doggie Toys

DIY SERVICE PROJECT

## Description

When people think of animals shelters and what they're lacking, many think volunteers. While volunteers are important to help keep the animals active, shelters also lack what a man's best friend loves most – dog toys! Here's a fun and simple project to make toys that dogs will be sure to love and at a low cost.

## Supplies

- Old, gently used t-shirts
- Scissors

## Budget

Old t-shirts: \$0.00

Scissors: \$2.00

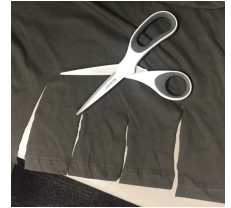
**Total: \$2.00**

## Optional Project

Animal shelters are also in need of bedding and blankets for animals. Donate your gently used towels to your local animal shelter along with your freshly made dog toys!

## Directions

1. Using your scissors, cut small 2-3 inch slits into the bottom of the t-shirt.



2. Next, use your hands to rip the slits into strips of fabric in an upward motion. Be careful that you don't rip the strip completely from the shirt.



3. Once this is completed, you'll see that the collar and the sleeves are in the way. Remove those from the shirt using your scissors.

Optional: Complete steps 1-3 on an additional shirt to create more strips.

4. Lay your strips together and tie a knot at one of the ends.

5. Weave your strips together to create a braid and finish it off with a knot at the end.

## Donate

Wondering how you're going to get your finished product to an animal shelter in need?

Here are a few steps to take:

1. Find a local agency that works with that certain population (If you're having trouble finding an agency, browse [www.stlvolunteer.org/organization](http://www.stlvolunteer.org/organization) for ideas).
2. Call or email ahead to see if they have the capacity for donations
3. Drop it off and help an animal shelter in need!

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