

# Homemade Catnip Toys

I became slightly paranoid with all of the pet food scares last year. This paranoia extended to my cat's toys, too. Not knowing where half the toys I bought Ronnie came from, I decided to make my own with some organic catnip from the pet store and my fabric scraps.

1. Depending on how big you'd like your toy to be, cut out two identical-size squares with pinking shears. My cat is just 2 years old, so I make her toys on the smaller side so they're easy for her to toss around the floor.
2. Unlike making a pillow, sew the wrong sides together. Your cat won't care how nice the finished product is!
3. However, like a pillow, leave a small opening at the top to use as the hole for the catnip. Use a funnel and fill the square with catnip.
4. Sew the hole shut, toss the toy to your cat and watch her go nuts.

**TIP:** Use a heavier-weight fabric for this one. The first toy I made was from plain cotton, but Ronnie loved her toy so much she licked it to death. Denim, heavy fleece or upholstery fabrics work perfectly.

