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**Pet Projects**

We create projects for ourselves, family members and friends all the time so why not make great crafts for our pets, too! Crafting for your furry friend is a great way to save a little money and personalize your gifts as well. Here are three simple pet projects you can make in less than an hour.

**Supply List:**

Fiskars Brands: 98917097 Scallop Fabric Shears

Fiskars Brands: 94457097 Pinking Shears

Fiskars Brands: 12-59777097 12-in-1 Sewing Multi-Tool

Fiskars Brands: 12-97937097 45 mm Comfort Grip Rotary Cutter

Fiskars Brands: 12-97977097 18 mm Stick Rotary Cutter

Fiskars Brands: 12-87287097 3" x 18" Acrylic Ruler with Grid

Fiskars Brands: 12-83717097 18" x 24" Cutting Mat

Other: fabric; sewing machine; thread; pins; embroidery thread/needle; ribbon; small bell

## Dog Leash Bag:



This dog leash bag allows you to conveniently carry recycled plastic bags for your pets needs when out for a walk. The fabric straps simply tie on to any leash handle. The plastic bags are simply kept in place by the narrow opening at the bottom of the fabric bag.

1. Cut 2- 5" x 12" pieces of fabric; fold each piece in half with right sides facing and press flat.
2. Cut 2- 6" x 1 1/4" pieces of fabric; fold down 1/4" at one end; press; then fold in half along the length with right sides facing in; and press flat.



3. Stitch along the length of each fabric strip (in step 2) 1/4" from edge to create a tube. Use the handy safety pin in your Sewing Multi-Tool to turn the fabric tube right side out.



4. Position the fabric tubes sandwiched in the center of the larger fabric pieces. Have the finished ends of the strips sticking out at least 1" past the folded edges of the larger fabric pieces. Once in place, pin to secure the edges and strips from moving.



5. Stitch around the 3 raw edged sides of the fabric pieces leaving the finished end open. Be sure to make the opening of the bag narrow (approximately 2 1/2" wide) so that bags will stay in place. Also add extra stitching where the strips are secured.

6. Next, trim any excess fabric with Pinking Shears.

7. Turn the bag right side out, fill with 3-4 plastic shopping bags and it's set to go!



I have a friend with the most adorable cat named Minx. She's full of personality and loves to play. I thought it might be fun to bring her a treat or two the next time I stop by to visit. This gold fish is attached with ribbon to a dowel that will let us interact with her as she plays. And the mouse has a long ribbon tail with a bell that will be great fun to bat at with her paws. I'm sure these catnip stuffed toys will keep her entertained for hours.

1. Draw shapes for your catnip toy design. No need to be perfect since kitty won't mind. Try to keep the size at 3"-4" for easy play and handling.



2. Use Fiskars decorative edged Fabric Scissors and Fabric Rotary Tools to cut out 2 pieces each of your design.



3. Pin pieces together. At this time, position any ribbon or other materials that you wish to secure to the toy. Stitch closed leaving 1 1/2" opening. Note: The gold fish is simply hand stitched with embroidery thread. The mouse is stitch wrong sides together, then turned out before being stuffed.

4. Fill shapes with cotton and catnip. The stuffing attachment from the Sewing Multi-Tool works great for small spaces.



5. Finish stitching the shape closed; tie a knot to secure and they're ready to be enjoyed.



My sweet dog is a Chihuahua named Mickey. He's a patient little guy and doesn't seem to mind me fussing over him like he did when he was a puppy. Since he's just a mere 5 pounds, a standard bandana is too big for him to wear comfortably. This bandana design has the added benefit of not needing to be tied. The collar simply slips through the tube created along the straight edge of the bandana.

*Note: This bandana size is perfect for small dogs or cats. For larger pets, add 2"-3" in length and width of fabric for each size up.*

1. Cut 2- 8" x 6" pieces of fabric. For each piece, at one end, fold 1/4" down and press flat. Then fold other end to point and press flat.



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2. Cut 1- 3" x 6" piece of coordinating fabric. Fold edges in along the length and press.

3. Position and pin fabric strip across one of the larger fabric pieces. Stitch across top and bottom length.



*note: Inevitably, I make errors in my stitching and need the seam ripper from the Sewing Multi-Tool to remove my stitches. Have I mentioned how much I love my Sewing Multi-Tool?*

4. Line up the 2 fabric pieces with right sides facing in and pin in place. Machine stitch around 3 sides, leaving the straight end (with the pressed edges) open.

5. Turn the piece right side out and machine stitch the straight end closed.

6. Fold this end over 1"- 1 1/2" and stitch to create a space for the collar to slip through to wear.

There you have it- three different sewing projects to create for a special furry friend in your life.