

At Home Volunteer Projects for Volunteers Younger Than 18

When projects are completed please bring them to AWLA. Please label the bag with your name and the number of items you are dropping off.

In order for AWLA to sign off on credit you must email volunteer@alexandriaanimals.org with your name and the type and number of items you dropped off. Please allow 48 hours for us to verify the hours. This procedure applies whether you need us to send an email verifying hours or your school uses an online system. We will not respond to online system requests unless there is a corresponding email from the student or parent with the necessary information.

If you have a physical form that needs a signature please bring it to the shelter when you drop off your items. You must count the number of items you prepared, staff will not count them.

If items are not received according to these instructions, your credited hours will be reduced by 25%. For instance, if hot dogs are delivered in large chunks you will only receive credit for 22 minutes instead of 30 minutes.

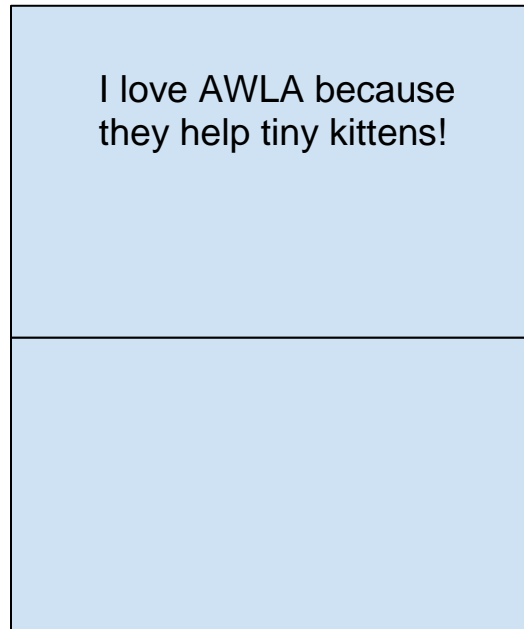
Project & Hours Credited	Supplies Needed	Instructions	How this helps the shelter
Cutting Up Hot Dogs 4 bags of hot dogs = ½ hour credit	Hot dogs, any type Sandwich bags Knife Cutting board	You need to cut the hot dogs into very small pieces. 1. Cut the hot dog into quarters the long way. 2. Then cut very small pieces. Your hot dog pieces should be no more than ¼ inch thick. 3. Put two cut up hot dogs into a sandwich bag. You may freeze the hot dogs or keep them in the refrigerator.	We use hot dogs as treats for our dogs. They love the smelliness of hot dogs so we can use them to distract dogs when they get shots or when we want to train them!
Decorating Thank You Cards for Donors 5 cards = 2 hours	Card Stock (provided by AWLA) Markers, pencils, or crayons	<i>See images on page 3</i> Pick up 5 blank cards at AWLA Please decorate the front of the card with an animal themed picture and the words "Thank You" Please make sure to put your first name, age, and "volunteer" on the bottom of the picture. On the inside top half, you may write a note about why you like or support AWLA.	We send personalized thank you notes to people who donate money or good to the shelter to thank them for supporting the shelter.

Making Cat Wand Toys 5 wands = 1 hour	Wooden dowels (12 inches long) Ribbon Felt Glue Scissors	Tie ribbons that are about 12 inches long onto the dowel, you may secure with glue. On the end of the ribbon you may glue a shape cut out of felt.	Cats love to chase ribbons! We use these wand toys to play with cats at the shelter and we send them home with cats going to foster homes.
Cardboard Scratchers Each scratcher = 1 hour	A shallow card board box or box top Cardboard to fill the top Ruler Pen Scissors or knife <i>*Parental supervision may be needed</i>	<i>See images on page 3</i> Set aside the shallow box – it will be used as a base (image 1). Lay down the cardboard onto a cutting table. Measure the width of the box top and create a template strip. (image 2). Cut strips of cardboard using the template strip as your guide. Glue the strips together stacking them in the box top. You should run a line of glue along the center of the length of each strip and apply pressure to make sure they are packed tightly together (image 3). Make sure glue does not come out the top. You can paint the outside of the box in non-toxic paint or wrap it in fabric to add some decorative flair, or you can leave it plain. All done! (image 4)	Our cats need to scratch! Scratching is a great way for cats to work out stress, play and keep their nails healthy!
Making Fleece Blankets Each blanket = ½ hour	Fleece of any color or design Scissors Measuring tape	<i>See images on page 4</i> Blankets should be either 2 x 3 ft or 2 x 2ft when finished. For a blanket with fringe on all four sides: cut two pieces of fleece that are the same size. Cut small rectangles all the way around the edge. Knot the two pieces together. For a blanket with fringe on three sides: Fold a larger piece of fleece in half. Cut small rectangles around the 3 edges that aren't folded. Knot the two pieces together.	Our dogs and cats love fleece blankets to cuddle up in. The small blankets are particularly wonderful for kittens who can't have towels. Their little nails get stuck in the fabric loops of the towels!

Thank you card examples:



Front of card



Inside of card

Cardboard scratcher example:



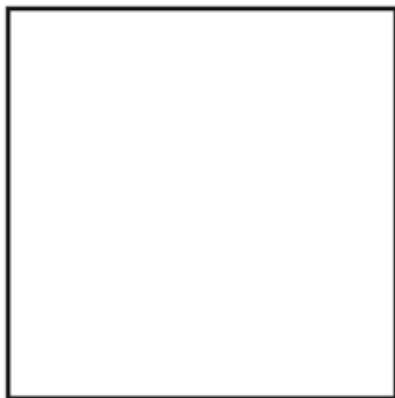
*Tutorial photos courtesy of catladyconfidential.com

HOW TO Make Fleece Blankets!

Supplies needed:

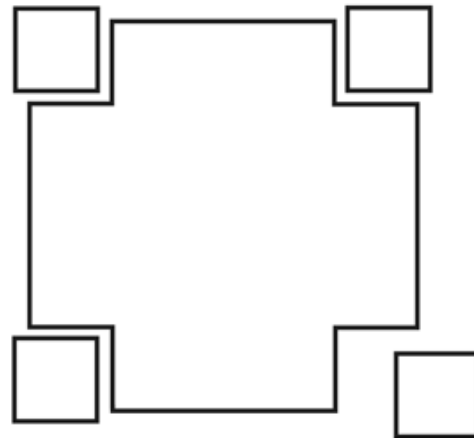
- 🐾 Fleece Material
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STEP 1



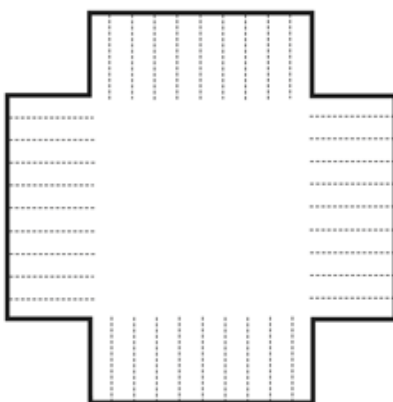
Trim off selvage edges and square uneven edges if needed.

STEP 2



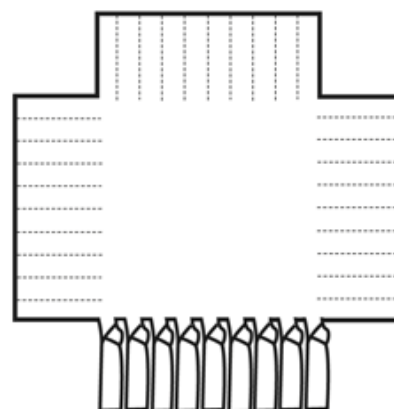
Cut a 4" square from each corner of the fleece using the 4" x 4" pattern enclosed.

STEP 3



Cut 1" strips around entire blanket using the 1" x 4" pattern to create fringe.

STEP 4



Tie a knot at the top of each strip to finish fringed edge.

BONUS PROJECT! Make CAT TOYS out of leftover 3" squares!

Cut small strips and tie together - be creative and have fun!