

### At-Home Volunteer Projects for Volunteers Younger Than 18

When projects are completed please bring them to Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (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](mailto: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.*

*Please note that volunteers provide their own supplies for all projects*

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 long ways.  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!
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.  <i>Please wrap the ribbons around each dowel before delivering the wands so they don't get tangled.</i>	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.

<p>Fleece Blankets for Cats and Dogs</p> <p>Each blanket = ½ hour</p>	<p>Fleece of any color or design</p> <p>Scissors</p> <p>Measuring tape</p>	<p>Blankets should be either 2 x 3 ft or 2 x 2ft when finished.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>(see the picture on page 3)</p>	<p>Our dogs and cats love fleece blankets to cuddle up in.</p> <p>The small blankets are particularly wonderful for kittens who can't have towels. Their little nails get stuck in towel loops!</p>
<p>Decorating Reusable Bags</p> <p>1 Bag = 1 hour</p>	<p>Reusable Bags, like paper or fabric; <b>no plastic please!</b> (dimensions: Minimum 12.5 x 13 x 8.5 inches)</p> <p>Markers, pencils, crayons, stickers, patches, etc.</p>	<p>Choose to decorate a Foster Bag or an Adoption Bag</p> <p><i>*If you decide to do a foster bag, please label the bag for either a dog or cat!</i></p> <p>Decorate using any materials that stick and do not rub off and include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (or AWLA)</li> <li>2. Animal themed decorations</li> <li>3. Either "Thank You for Adopting!" or "Thank you for Fostering!"</li> </ol>	<p>Foster Bags are used to create care packages for our animals that go to foster which include items like: food, toys, blankets, any medication, and care instructions.</p> <p>Adoption Bags are used to hold any items purchased by the adopters along with the paperwork from the adoption process.</p>
<p>Cat Hammocks</p> <p>1 Decorated T-Shirt = 1 hour</p>	<p>T-Shirts</p> <p>Dimensions: Adult Medium or Large</p> <p>Permanent markers, patches, t-shirt paint, etc.</p>	<p>Decorate using a cat theme.</p> <p>Write phrases to attract potential adopters.</p> <p>Decorate using any medium that will stay on the t-shirts through the wash.</p> 	<p>Our cats love to nap in hammocks!</p> <p>We put these t-shirts on our cat beds and it creates a hammock for them underneath.</p>

Hand-Drawn Portraits  1 Portrait = 2 Hours	Paper (Dimensions: 8.5 x 11 inches)  All mediums accepted! (colored pencils, markers, paint, etc.)	If you are feeling artistic, please email <a href="mailto:cmercer@alexandriaanimals.org">cmercer@alexandriaanimals.org</a> and we can send you the photo of an animal in need of a portrait (Please allow 3 business days for a response). We will hang it up near the animal's kennel and allow the adopters to take the artwork home with them!	We would love to have some cute portraits of our animals available for adoption to attract potential adopters!
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### Cardboard scratcher example:



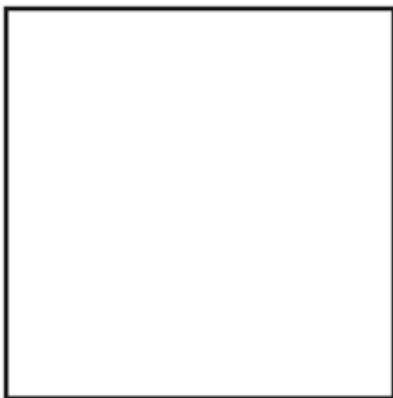
\*Tutorial photos courtesy of catladyconfidential.com

# HOW TO Make Fleece Blankets!

## Supplies needed:

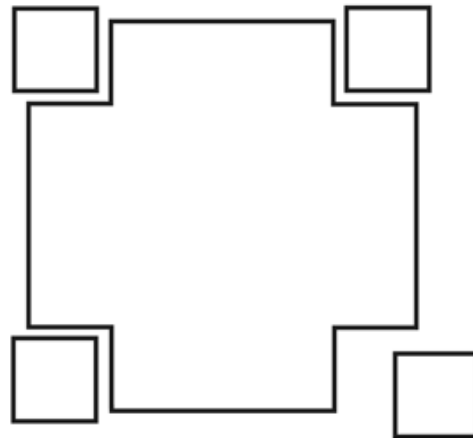
- 🐾 Fleece Material
- 🐾 Scissors
- 🐾 Tape Measure

### STEP 1



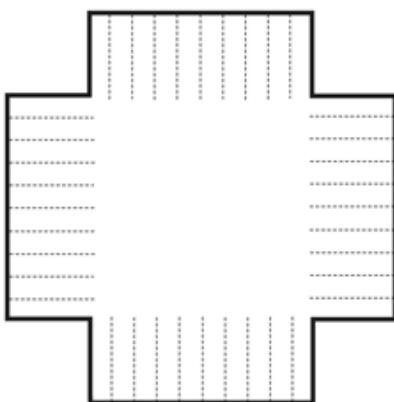
Trim off selvage edges and square uneven edges if needed.

### STEP 2



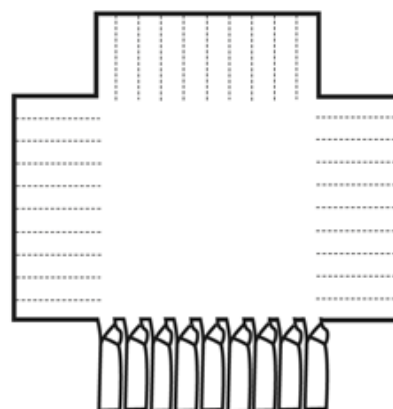
Cut a 4" square from each corner of the fleece using the 4" x 4" pattern enclosed.

### 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!