



Cats for Kids

Make and do! Loopy string toy

'A simple woollen string toy that your cat will love to chase and is really fun for you to make.'

What it will look like:-



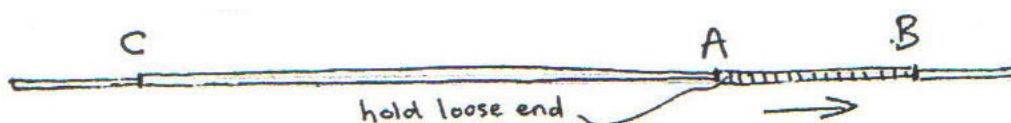
What you will need to make it:

- Around 25cm of thick string or garden twine
- A selection of different coloured wools
- A large sewing needle with a big eye
- Scissors

Important message! *Make sure you get an adult's help when using sharp objects like scissors and sewing needles.*

How to make it:

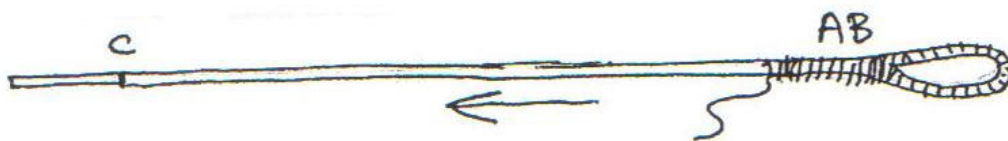
1. Mark the string two centimetres from each end (points B and C) and again about 7cm from one end (point A). See the diagram below.



2. Take a long piece of wool and wrap it around the string, starting at point A and working towards point B. Make sure that you leave a short bit of wool hanging loose (see diagram above). If you would like a thicker toy, work backwards and forwards along this section of string to make several layers.
3. Make sure that the wool is wound tightly so it doesn't come unravelled or get caught in your cat's claws.
4. Bend round the section that you have just covered to make a loop with points A and B touching (see diagram below).



5. Now hold the two ends of the loop in your hand and wind the wool down the length of the sting (see diagram below). Wrap the wool around the two looped bits of string first and then on to the single length of string. (Cover the loose end of wool at this point).



6. You can change colour if you want to now. Do this by cutting the end of the first bit of wool and covering it over with the new colour. You can change colours as many times as you like.
7. When you reach point C, bend over the wrapped section so you have another loop. Change direction and continue wrapping the wool around both bits of string until you have covered the whole thing.



8. Cut the remaining length of wool to about 6cm, thread it through a needle and pull it tight under the wrapped wool to secure everything. Finally snip off any wool that's left. (Please ask for an adult's help when using a needle).

Your cat toy is now ready to play with!

(Remember to keep an eye on your cat when he is playing with toys. If your cat starts eating any part of the toy take it away from him).