



Cats for Kids **Make and do! Fishy cat toy**

'Cats love to play with toys and fishes seem to fascinate them! Have a go at making one for yourself.'

What your toy should look like:



What you will need to make it:

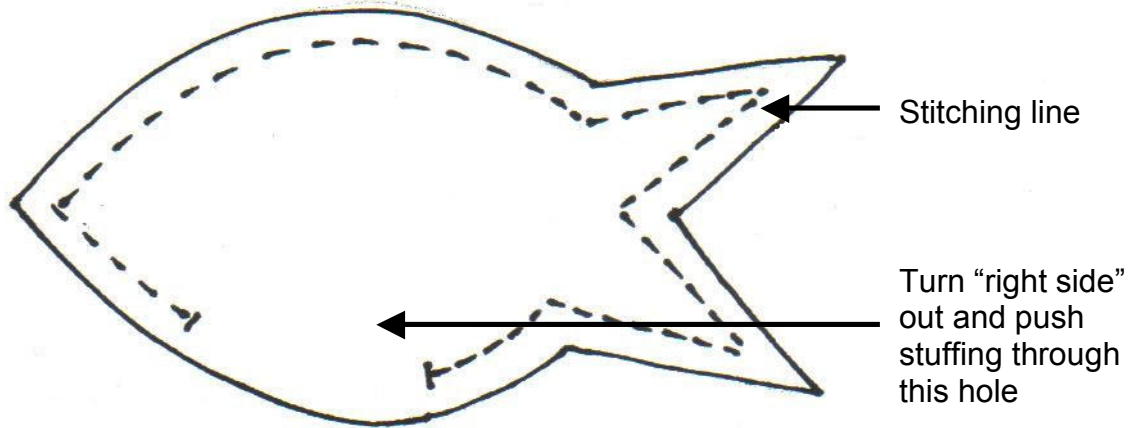
- Card and pen
- Scissors, needle and thread
- Fleece, felt or other fabric
- Polyester stuffing

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

How to make it:

1. Firstly you will need to make a card template. Start by cutting out the fish outline on the last page; place this cut-out on a piece of card and draw around it again. Cut the card fish out to create your template.
2. Use the template to cut out two pieces of material which follow the shape of the fish.
3. Place the two pieces together with the sides that you eventually want facing outwards facing inwards to begin with (ie the material is inside-out).

4. Sew the two pieces of material together. Stitch a little way in from the edge of the material to allow for a seam (about 5 millimetres should be fine). Leave a gap of about two centimetres in your stitching (see diagram below).



5. Turn the toy the correct way around by pushing the insides out through the hole in the stitching.
6. Finally push polyester stuffing in through the stitching gap until the toy is firm to the touch and then stitch the hole closed.

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).

Template for fish toy

