

Fluffy Cat with Accessories

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Here's a cute little kitty to keep your mini people company.

MATERIALS

For the Cat:

- 3/4" white pompom
- 1/2" white pompom
- Pattern for ears
- Two green rocaille or seed beads for eyes
- One pink seed bead for nose
- A piece of thread for the whiskers
- Piece of wireless chenille for the tail, wireless chenille trim (by Fibre Craft) or white chenille stem (pipe cleaner) for the legs
- White paint
- Pink paint
- Small piece of cardstock or index card.

For the catnip toy:

- Piece of stiff ribbon
- Embroidery floss or thread
- A tiny piece of quilt batting

For the litter box:

- 1/16" thick stripwood:
(1) piece 7/8" x 1-1/4" for the bottom
(2) pieces 5/16" x 1-3/8" for long sides
(2) pieces 5/16" x 7/8" for the short sides
- Paint color of your choice
- Sand or fine gray ballast by Woodland Scenics (found in train and hobby shops).

TOOLS

- Pencil
- Tacky glue
- Sandpaper
- Scissors
- Paintbrush
- Very thin needle
- Toothpicks

Cat

1. Trace the pattern for the cat's ears onto a piece of index card or card stock.

Cut out and paint them white. You may need two coats. When dry fold them in half lengthwise. You may add a little bit of pink paint to the inside of the ears if you wish.



Ear Pattern

2. Glue the two pompoms together for the cat's head and body. The head is the smaller one. You may have to play with them a little to get a nice shape.
3. Onto the smaller pompom glue the two green beads for eyes and the pink bead for a nose.
4. Cut a piece of thread into three equal pieces, about 1" each, and thread them through the pink bead to make whiskers. Put a little glue on the bead where the thread goes through to hold them in place and trim them slightly. Try to make them as even as possible.
5. Glue the ears to the top of the head making sure that the folded part faces the front of the cat.
6. Cut two pieces of wireless chenille or chenille stem, if you want them sturdier, about 1/2" long each. These are for front legs. Glue them onto the front of the body up under the head. Be careful as the wireless chenille unravels very quickly. My cat does not have back legs as I didn't think they were needed and they weren't going to show. If you would like to make back legs now is the time to add them.
7. Glue a piece of chenille, about 1-1/4", to the bottom, back part of the body for the cat's tail. Trim to about 1" in length.



Catnip Pillow Toy

1. Cut two pieces of stiff ribbon about 5/16" square.
2. Put a small piece of quilt batting onto the center of the wrong side of one square and glue the two squares wrong sides together.
3. Let dry and trim the edges down slightly so that the square is no more than a 1/4".
4. Make a bow with a piece of embroidery floss or thread and glue to the center of the pillow.

Litter Box

1. Trim any fuzzies from wood with scissors.
2. Glue the short sides to the outside edges of the bottom. Then glue the longer sides on. They should overlap the short sides.
3. When dry sand the outside corners to round them over.
4. Paint the color of your choice, and when dry add sand or ballast for the litter.

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