

Craft a CAT CAVE with ACANA™

We went with a fun cat tent for our design. Get creative and figure out what kind of cave your cat would love best. There is a lot of inspiration online!

YOU WILL NEED:

Cardboard - Base structure

Pillows
(optional: blanket, cat bed, cushion)

Scrap Fabric- to cover the opening of the tent
(optional: pillowcase, towel, old T-shirt)

Optional Décor- fairy lights, picture frame, ornaments, cat toys, catnip

Glue

Tape

Scissors/Exacto knife (be safe when cutting!)

Ruler

Watch the DIY video:
acana.com/caring-for-indoor-cats

Provide supervision when your cat is engaging with the cat cave

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1 BUILD BASE

Together, you'll need:

- 2 square side panels: 22.5" x 18"
- 1 square base: 25" x 18"
- 1 triangle back panel: 25" x 22.5" x 22.5"
- A 52" x 25" fabric panel - cut enough to tuck the ends under the base

- Cut these 4 shapes out of cardboard- 2 side walls, 1 base, and 1 back triangle. Assemble the tent in a triangle shape (like the photo) and tape along the seams of the cardboard to secure it.
Optional: you can paint or decorate as you wish

MAKE IT STURDY! Reinforce the seams with extra cardboard and tape or glue. If your cat will be climbing on the structure, you should consider other ways to reinforce the walls and roof.

- Cut a rectangle shape out of scrap fabric to cover the tent. Drape the fabric on top of the tent leaving a 5" overhang to partially cover the opening of the tent. Tuck the excess ends underneath the structure and secure everything with glue or tape.

2 MAKE IT COMFY

You want to make the cave a special cozy place for your cat. Add their favorite cat bed, a cushion or blanket. Bonus points if it smells like you!

3 DECORATION

You can optionally add décor elements to spruce up your cat cave and make it homey. We used cute touches like a family photo, toys for them to play with, fairy lights for a cozy ambiance and sprinkle of catnip to entice them inside.

4 LOCATION

You'll want to place your cat cave away from lots of traffic, preferably in a quiet space where they can relax and sleep.

Examples: In a closet, in their favorite room in the house, or any place that's warm and dark.

BE PATIENT! Your cat may need time to explore their new cat cave. Make it a positive experience by giving your cat head scratches and praise to show them it's safe. Be sure you let them explore the cave on their time, don't try to force it!

