

DIY CACTUS CAT SCRATCHER

STEP BY STEP GUIDE

What You'll need:

- 40*40cm round plywood (the thicker the better)
- 65m of 6mm natural sisal rope
- Green dye (for 50m of rope)
- Glue sticks (a lot of them)
- Glue gun

- Green spray paint
- Electric Drill
- 4 wood screws
- Stones or concrete
- Fake flowers

- 1m long 10 cm dia. plumbing pipe
- 1 pipe lid
- 2 single tees
- 2 90° elbow pipes
- 2 8mm polystyrene baubles

Step 1



Take a round wood board (the thicker the better), a drill, 4 wood screws and the lid of the plumbing pipe (which will be the body of the cactus)

Step 2



Pre-drill the lid, then centre it onto your board, and mark with a pencil where the screws will go. Secure the lid to the board with wood screws.

Step 3



Insert a 1 meter long plumbing pipe on the lid and secure it with hot glue.

Step 4



Fill one third of the pipe with stones, concrete or cement to keep it stable.

Step 5



Connect one of the single tees (pipe connector) with one of the 90° elbow pipes.

Step 6



Connect the structure you put together in step 5 to the pipe. Repeat step 5 and 6 to achieve the cactus look.

Step 7



Cut 2 polystyrene baubles in half and glue one half to each of the ends including the 2 arms and the top.

Step 8



Spray paint the cactus in green to prevent the grey color showing through the rope.

Step 9



Dye the majority of your sisal rope green with pet safe textile dye (but leave some plain for the board). You can find instructions for this on the dye's packaging.

Step 10



Start glue gunning the rope to the pipe from the base to the first junction.

Step 11



At the junctions, use smaller pieces of rope and glue them on. Make them a little bit longer so you can cover the ends with glue in the next step.

Step 12



Continue wrapping the rope around the elbow, but make sure you cover the ends that you left sticking out at the previous step in order to prevent them from unfolding. Repeat step 11 and 12 at the next junction, and finish the top by wrapping the rope around.

Step 13



Cover the wood board with natural sisal rope by glue gunning it.

Step 14



For a nice finishing touch, add some fake flowers to the tops of the cactus.

Step 15



You're done! Now you and your cat can enjoy this glorious and unique scratcher.