



Simple Recycled T-shirt Dog Toy

This simple t-shirt dog toy does not require any sewing and is a great way to repurpose old t-shirts. Consider donating your t-shirt dog toys to a local animal shelter!

Natalie Billups, Greenup County 4-H Member and State Teen Council Community Service Chair, demonstrates in a short video how to create a recycled t-shirt dog toy. The video is online at <https://tinyurl.com/4Hdogtoy>.

Materials:

Scissors

Old t-shirt

Instructions:

Note: Your cuts do not have to be precise or neat. The dog won't care!

1. Cut both sleeves off the t-shirt. Cut along the seam line on each sleeve (see Image 1 – Step 1). Lay sleeves to the side. You will not use these for the dog toy.
2. Cut the neckline and tag off the t-shirt. Cut under the seam line of the neckline and tag of the shirt (see Image 1 – Step 2). Lay the neckline and tag to the side. You will not use these for the dog toy.
3. Cut along the top seam of the t-shirt (see Image 1 – Step 3).
4. Cut along the sides of the t-shirt (see Image 1 – Step 4). After completing this step, your t-shirt will be in two pieces.

Image 1. Old T-shirt





5. Take each piece of your t-shirt and cut into 1-inch strips (it does not have to be exact).
6. Take three 1-inch strips. Tie a knot in the top of the three strips. Make sure the knot is really tight so that the dog cannot get the strips apart. Braid the three strips. When you get to the bottom of braiding the three strips tie another knot (tie the knot really tight). If needed, you can use your scissors to cut off any excess material. Congratulations – you just finished your first recycled t-shirt dog toy! How many dog toys can you create out of your t-shirt?



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