

HOW TO GUIDE

DIY Ladder Scratch Post



Watch our instructional video on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/ACEIZzwdB7c>

What you will need:

- Sisal rope
- Craft glue
- Scissors
- Thick twine
- Self-adhesive Velcro dots
- A small blanket or piece of fabric
- A wooden ladder (however big or small you want the scratch post to be)
- A cat toy on a string

What to do:

- Cut a length of twine long enough to go around one of the feet of your ladder's legs
- Tie this length of twine to your sisal rope
- Starting at the foot of the first leg wrap the twine around the leg and tie a knot to secure the rope to the bottom of the leg
- Start to curl the rope around the leg of the ladder, making sure the twine is tucked inside
- Apply glue along the top edge of the rope as you go



- Continue to wrap and glue the rope around the leg, make sure the rope is flush against the leg and each loop is neatly on top of the last
- Keep gluing as you wrap the rope up the leg until you get to the top of the ladder
- Tie another small piece of the twine around the end of the sisal rope and tie a knot to secure the rope (like you did at the start) now you can cut the end of the rope off
- Repeat this process on the other legs of the ladder
- Repeat this process for the steps of the ladder, alternatively use pre-cut carpet strips, curling edges under to cover the whole step
- When you get to the top step of the ladder stick Velcro dots on each corner and along edges of the step



- Stick the other side of the Velcro dots to the underside of the blanket
- Stick blanket to top step (blanket can be removed for washing and reattached)
- To make your ladder scratcher more colourful you can use non-toxic craft paint to decorate the parts of wood that are not wrapped in rope



Note: We have used thick sisal rope for this Ladder Scratch Post but you can also use thinner rope or even carpet squares depending on what texture your cat prefers to scratch