

## HOW TO GUIDE

### DIY Ladder Scratch Post

Watch our instructional video on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/ACEIzwdB7c>



#### 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:

1. Cut a length of twine long enough to go around one of the feet of your ladder's legs
2. Tie this length of twine to your sisal rope
3. 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
4. Start to curl the rope around the leg of the ladder, making sure the twine is tucked inside
5. Apply glue along the top edge of the rope as you go



6. 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
7. Keep gluing as you wrap the rope up the leg until you get to the top of the ladder
8. 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
9. 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
10. When you get to the top step of the ladder stick Velcro dots on each corner and along edges of the step



11. Stick the other side of the Velcro dots to the underside of the blanket
12. Stick blanket to top step (blanket can be removed for washing and reattached)
13. 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 on this ladder, but you can also use thinner rope or even carpet squares depending on what your cat prefers.

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