



Humane Indiana

FELINE ENRICHMENT

SCRATCHING ITEMS



Scratching is also a very normal behavior for cats. This helps them to remove the dead outer layer of their claws, leave their scent and a visual mark, to stretch, and to relieve energy and/or frustration. Providing cats with appropriate scratching items is incredibly important and these items should be provided on both a horizontal and vertical surface. The items listed below are just some examples of different DIY and commercially available scratching items.

REMNANT CARPETING

Remnant carpeting is an easy and affordable way to provide scratching spaces. You can cut the carpet into small squares and hang on a wall or off of furniture.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

Corrugated cardboard is also an easy and cheap way to provide a scratching surface. Simply cut the cardboard into desired lengths/widths and place in a position for your cat to scratch.

SCRATCHING POSTS

There are many different commercially available scratching posts that provide a great vertical option for you cat to scratch.

SCRATCH BOXES

Scratch boxes are a great way to provide your cat with a horizontal surface to scratch. These are often sold as cardboard rectangles.

