DIY Dog Toys Checklist

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- ☐ Supplies Needed
  - ☐ 1 yard (1 meter) fray-resistant fabric Fleece or denim works best.
  - ☐ Fabric scissors Pinking shears would work, too.
  - ☐ Measuring tape
  - ☐ Masking tape
- ☐ Preparing the Materials
  - ☐ Choose the fabric Consider using fleece, flannel, or heavy t-shirt knits when making toys for small to medium dogs. When making the toy for a larger dog, you may need to choose a more durable fabric like denim.
  - ☐ Cut three strips of material Using fabric scissors or pinking shears, cut three evenly sized strips from your chosen material. Make the strips 3 feet (91 cm) long and 3 inches (7.6 cm) wide for large dogs, 2 feet (61 cm) long and 2.5 inches (6.4 cm) wid
- ☐ Making the Toy
  - ☐ Tie the three strips together at one end Stack the three strips on top of one another, then tie them together into an overhand knot. Position the knot 2 to 4 inches (5.1 to 10.2 cm) away from one end of the stack.
  - ☐ Tape the knotted end to a table or other work surface Use masking tape to secure the knot to a hard surface. Alternatively, ask another person to hold the knotted end for you as you work.
  - ☐ Cross the right strip over the middle strip Separate the stack into its three distinct strips. Cross the right strip over the middle strip and under the left strip.
  - ☐ Cross the left strip over the middle strip Weave the left strip over the middle strip and under the right strip. Doing so completes one full braid.
  - ☐ Continue braiding the strips together Create additional braids down the length of the stack by following the same procedure: cross the right strip over the middle, then weave the left strip over the middle. Create as many braids as needed until only 2 t
  - ☐ Knot the opposite end Regroup all three strips of fabric into a single stack. Tie another overhand knot at the loose end to mirror the first knot.
  - ☐ Remove the tape Peel away the masking tape currently holding the toy down.
  - ☐ Trim the ends Using fabric scissors or pinking shears, trim the loose ends of the dog toy so that they appear even in length.
  - ☐ Give it to your dog This step completes the DIY dog toys checklist. Use the new toy to play tug-of-war with your dog or give it to your dog for use as a chew toy.

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