

# EASTER TOY

Most cats love to be play, even the grown-ups. This great Easter toy will help keep them fit and allow them to show off their hunting and chasing skill.



## TOOLS NEEDED

- 30 x 30 CM felt in chosen colours.  
For this sample we used yellow and pink.
- Hand sewing needle
- Thread
- Tailors chalk or fabric pen
- 2 Buttons
- 30CM Dowling rod
- 1M 5MM wide ribbon
- 1M 10MM wide ribbon
- Plastic Easter egg
- Small bell
- Hole punch or pointed instrument to make holes in plastic
- Glue stick or non-toxic craft glue



1. Separate two halves of plastic egg container.



2. Using a sharp tool or hole punch make holes around the top and bottom of the egg roughly 2 CM apart.

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3. Fill one half of the egg with catnip.

4. Click the two halves of the egg back together (your cat will be able to smell the catnip through the punched holes).



5. Using the pattern provided cut 3 pieces from your chosen felt colour. Using a small running stitch join each piece together. Ensure that the pieces match up at the top and bottom. Back stitch at each end to secure your thread. Leave an opening along one side.



6. Gently push plastic container inside your felt egg.

7. Pull the felt closed so that it fits snugly around your plastic egg. Using a small running stitch tightly close your remaining side. Note: the felt will overlap.



8. Trim away any excess felt to 3MM away from your stitch line.



9. Using pinking shears trim away the edge of your piece of felt. Using a set square or ruler trace with a fabric pen a line 1CM away from your pinking line.



10. Cut along this line with the pinking shears



11. Put a little glue onto the back of your pinked felt strip and wrap around the egg length and width ways. Trim off any excess length.



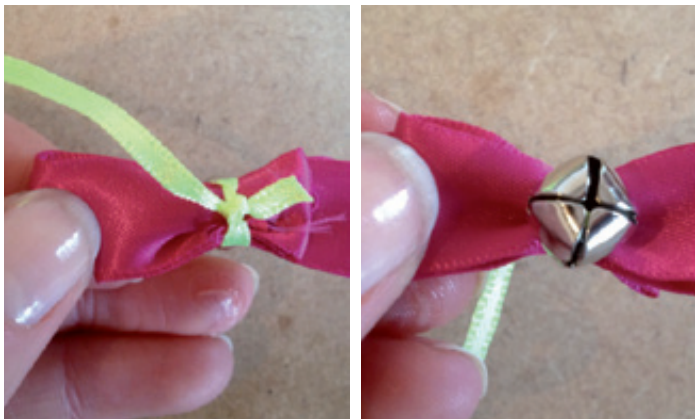
12. Using a double thread handsew a button through all 5 layers of felt to secure the strips in place. Repeat on the other side of your egg.



13. Make two loops with the 1CM wide ribbon. Join in the centre with a couple of long stitches.



14. Thread your 5MM ribbon through the back of a small bell. Leave a 5CM length on one side and the remaining 95CM on the other side.



15. Tie the bell around the centre of your bow and secure with a double knot.



16. Using a double thread stitch the bow to the top of your egg through all layers of felt.



17. Cut a strip of double sided tape 6CM long. Stick to one end of dowling stick and peel off back.

18. Measure 30CM from the end of your ribbon and stick this down onto the double sided tape. The cut end of the ribbon should be facing down towards the end of the stick. Now start winding the tail end of the ribbon back on itself. Once you reach the top end of the stick not the ribbon around itself and trim off any excess.

