



DIY Tennis Ball T-Shirt Toy

Time: 30 minutes

Materials: T-shirt, tennis ball, scissors, marker

Meant for: Dogs

Tips: Fabric scissors are the best for cutting t-shirt material and getting nice clean lines!



Start by cutting the seam of the t-shirt off





Once you have cut the seam, fold the t-shirt onto itself and line up with the seam of the armpit. Mark on both sides where the t-shirt folds.



Then cut along the t-shirt where you marked and along the armpit line.





You should now have two strips of t-shirt, set aside the rest (but you can save for other smaller DIY projects), cut along the edge of one side only.

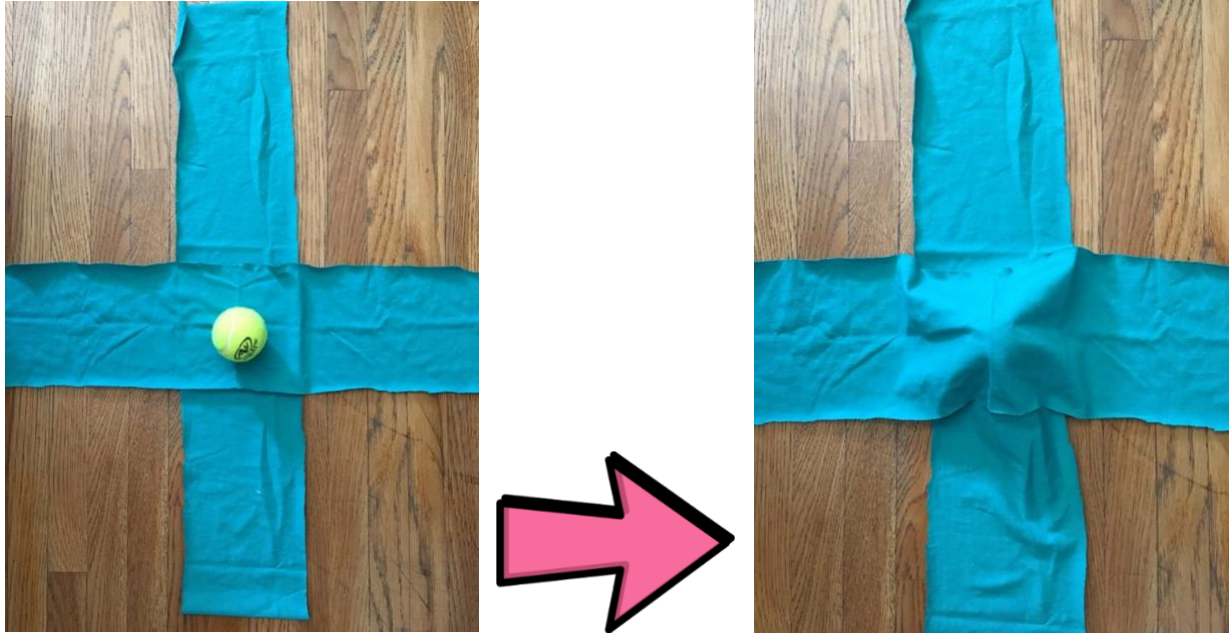


You should now have two long strips, intersect them like shown below.





Place the tennis ball underneath the t-shirt directly where the two pieces intersect.



Pick up the tennis ball beneath the pieces of t-shirt and hold firm, grab two strips of t-shirt in one hand and two strips in the other (being sure that the tennis ball is still secure inside), and tie the two pieces together with the other two pieces and create a tight* knot.



***If** the tennis ball seems loose after tying the knot, undo it and try again, mix-matching the two strips in either hand until you get a nice tight know where the tennis ball is secure.



Once you get a nice tight knot, spread out the 4 strips of t-shirt as flat as you can.



Using your marker, divide each strip into 3 pieces. Cut along the dotted lines as close to the tennis ball as you can get without completely cutting the strand from the tennis ball itself. Repeat with all four pieces. You should end up with 12 strips total.





Now its time to braid! If you do not know how to braid, you can find tutorials on [youtube](https://www.youtube.com/). Using the 3 strips you just cut start braiding each so you end up with four braids total. I recommend anchoring your tennis ball somehow so you can get nice tight braids.



Once you finish each braid, finish it with a tight knot.





Viola, you now have an awesome toy for your doggo!

