

# Kitty Forts Craft Project

**Hey kids!** We're looking for individuals or groups who are interested in "adopting" our

kitty fort project! Kitty forts are a perfect craft project for school or scout groups, family get-togethers or a birthday or holiday activity.

Kitty forts help keep the cats and kittens happy and alleviate stress while they await new, loving homes. They're bright and colorful, and made from simple cardboard boxes.

## **Kitty forts:**

- Are easy and fun to make!
- Provide a safe, secure perching spot or retreat for kitties
- Provide a structure that can be scratched or rubbed against
- Create a comforting environment that carries the cat's scent on it
- Can be enhanced with dangling toys to add to their enjoyment
- Can go with the kitty to his or her new home, providing comfort during the transition

## **How to do it:**

- Select a cardboard box with these approximate dimensions: 12" x 12" x 12"
- Note: "Big box" stores often provide free boxes near the cash registers
- Cut out a large opening for the front side (ask an adult for assistance)
- Cover the box with construction paper, butcher block paper or mailing paper
- Use only nontoxic school glue
- Decorate your kitty forts with ink stamps or small stickers
- You can attach macramé cord or yarn for interest, but please do not use string
- Deliver your kitty forts during adoption center hours and schedule a Pet Safety and Responsibility Class and a tour of the shelter! Call 972.769.4360 for information.

