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Self-Sustaining Prey Toy

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The little Siamese girl is always hyperactive. Every time I start on my computer, she's right up in there trying to catch my fingers, the curser, and every single moving object on the table. It's annoying. Adorable, but bloody annoying. But hey, luckily she does not try to sleep on the keyboard! Although, she does love to run up and smack the keys. Best workplace proximity associate ever!

To entertain the cat, I decided to build her a toy that she could hunt for hours without any attention from me. In the future, I intend to build her a few different automated toys, but for now, we'll have to keep it cheap and simple.



Supplies needed:

- string cat toy
- zip ties
- banister/table

Method:

- Before fastening the zip ties to the banister or table, give it a quick wipe;
- Loosely close zip tie around the place you want the toy's stick to be held. Leave enough space to easily remove the handle;
- Slide the handle in and adjust the toy to a comfortable height for your cat to play with;
- Tighten the zip tie around the handle. Before it is too tight, decide whether you would like to be able to remove and replace the toy easily. I left it loose enough to remove to the toy. On days where she is handing it out with me, I have it just off the side of my table. On days where she wants to hang out in the south-facing window, I will put it there for her.
- Face the ugly truth. You have just read an instructional post on how to fasten a stick to something. Hahaha!

I hope your cat enjoys their newly improved toy as much as mine does. Thanks for reading!



TIP: If there is something to stop the toy from moving too much, you can just use one zip tie. If not, you can make an X using two ties to hold it from moving too far.



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