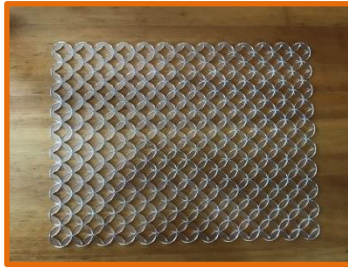


Sniff Mat

Supplies needed:

- Plastic dish drainer
- Scissors
- Fleece strips (1-1 ½" x 6-7")



Instructions:

1 - Cut fleece cut it into strips of 6-7" long by 1 – 1 ½" wide. The strips do not need to be exactly the same length. It makes the mat more interesting if the lengths vary! You'll need a lot of strips. I cut about 260 for my mat! I had one large piece of fleece to use, but this is also a great way to use extra little bits of fleece. The resulting mat will be super-colorful!

2 - Working from what will be the back of the mat, tuck each end of a single fleece strip into two adjoining holes in the mat. Then, from the front of the mat, tie the strips together. You don't need to make a knot, a simple tie is fine. The placement of the fleece strips will vary somewhat, based on how "full" you want your mat, and how nimble your fingers are. It'll also depend on how far apart the holes are on your mat. For my example, the mat is 13" x 16" and had 10 holes on the 13" side, and 12 holes on the 16" side. I just tied a fleece strip along every set of horizontal holes. This makes a dense mat that was perfect for by Chocolate Lab. If your holes are farther apart, you may need to also add fleece strips tied along every set of vertical holes.

3 – Tie the fleece a row at a time, tucking all the fleece along the back, then flipping it over and tying the entire row. At least that's how I did it!

4 – As a final step, tie fleece strips along the entire perimeter, tucking them into the last hole and wrapping it around the end.



Using the mat:

I tucked treats into the mat and let my dog sniff around, while I watched some TV (and of course crocheted). She had fun with it for quite a while. *Always use this "toy" when you are supervising please. I hope your pup loves it!*



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