

Junior ZooKeepers: Rat Tunnel



Activity

- Domestic rats are a very curious, playful and intelligent animal! Enrichment does not always have to include an edible treat- it can be a toy as well!

Try it out!

Materials

- Old pair of pants
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Permanent marker
- 1-2 ice cream container lids

Steps

1. Use a **ruler** to measure at least 18 inches from the bottom of each side of the **pants**.
2. Use a **permanent marker** to mark a line across each side of the pants where you will cut.
3. Use **scissors** to cut along the line. This should create two detached sleeves and some cutoffs.
4. Set aside the cutoffs and one of the sleeves.
5. Use the scissors to cut the top of the **ice cream lid** out, leaving just the sides to create a ring.
6. Feed the sleeve through the ring. Keep the ring close to one of the ends of the sleeve.
7. Wrap the edge of the sleeve back over the ring (much like rolling up shirt sleeves)
8. Optional: repeat steps 5-7 if you have a second ice cream lid.
9. Present and document!
10. This enrichment item can be kept and reused many times. Even better, it's machine-washable!
 - a. Remove the rings before washing.