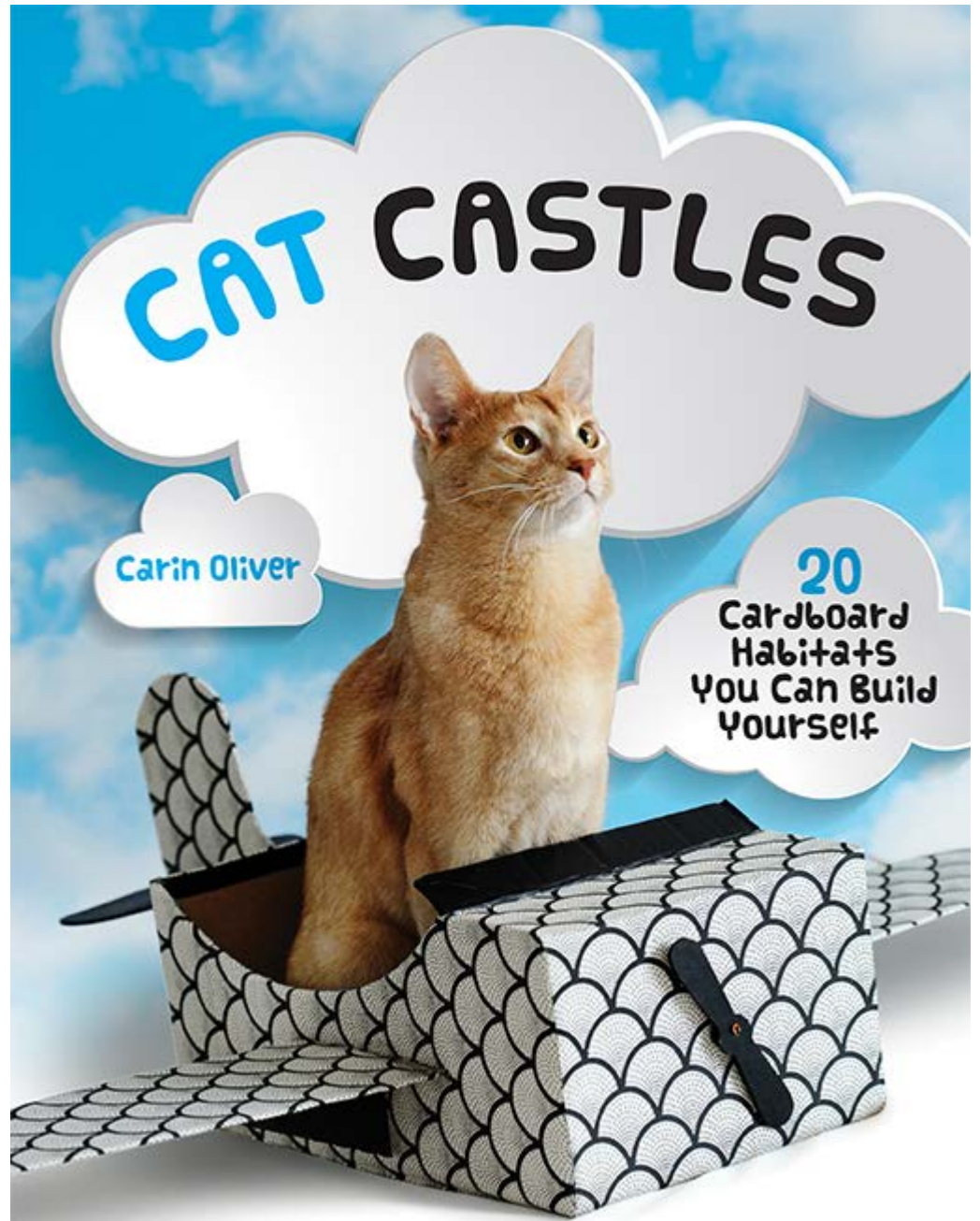


# Cat Castles



# Design Tips:

- Consider the size of your cat for holes and castle sizes
- If you have an 'ahem' large cat, consider doubling up the cardboard for weight bearing components
- Don't incorporate anything a cat could swallow – glitter, sequins, beads...
- Color: cats don't see colors the same way humans do, so reflect YOUR style
- Add comfy touches such as pillows and blankets

# Adding details

- Tissue boxes and other small boxes
- Poster board, cereal boxes
- TP tubes
- Sisal
- Twine
- Colored paper
- Catnip

# Construction process

- Use masking tape to hold parts together while glue dries (you'll do this at home), or to close up boxes before construction
- Glue: Use nontoxic glue such as white craft glue or Elmer's glue
- Wrapping paper – easier than waiting for paint to dry!
- Consider adding felt

# Tools

- Yardsticks
- Measuring tape
- Utility knives
- Scissors
- Make-Do tools

# Techniques - Scoring

- Curving or rolling cardboard: apparently rolling cardboard around a rolling pin is the best way to get cardboard to curl.
- Score and fold – score on the outside of the cardboard where you'd like the fold to be. **DO NOT CUT ALL THE WAY THROUGH.**
  - A. Score the outside
  - B. Fold the inside.

# Techniques – Using a Utility Knife

- Only grownups, please
- Use the cutting station – cardboard “cutting board”
- Lock the blade
- Cut along a steel ruler or yardstick
- Cutting curves: move the cardboard as you go
- Use gentle pressure and make several passes
- Retract the blade when done

# Some Ideas!

