



How to Refurbish a Cat Scratching Post

When your cat scratching post wears down, you can easily revive it by replacing the rope.

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INTRODUCTION

Cat scratching posts will inevitably wear down after a couple of years (or even months) from constant use. Instead of throwing out the whole thing and buying a new one, you can easily revive it with some new sisal rope and make it good as new!



TOOLS:

- [Utility Knife](#) (1)
- [Work Gloves](#) (1)
- [Hot Glue Gun](#) (1)



PARTS:

- [Sisal Rope](#) (1)

Step 1 — How to Refurbish a Cat Scratching Post



- A worn down cat scratching post is neither fun to look at, nor do cats like it. But this a quick and easy fix that uses minimal materials and tools!
- Opal is not amused.

Step 2



- Begin by cutting a section of the existing rope at the top with a utility knife.
 - Grab onto the cut piece of rope and begin unraveling it. Some sections may be glued down, so don't be shy and give it a good pull to remove the rope.
- i** Sisal rope has a very rough feel to it, so using gloves will prevent the rope from scratching up your hands.

Step 3



- To save time and rope, you can stop about half-way down, since the bottom portion is likely still in good shape.
- When you reach a stopping point, cut the rope with your utility knife and glue the end back onto the post with hot glue.

Step 4



- Take the new sisal rope and glue the end to the post right where the old rope left off.

Step 5



- Begin wrapping the new rope around the post.
- ❗ It's important to keep the rope tight as you wrap it so it doesn't come loose when your cat scratches on it.

Step 6



- Every few layers or so, put a dab of hot glue on the post and continue wrapping the rope around the post.

Step 7



- When you get to the top, cut the excess rope off and put one last dab of glue on the post to hold the end of the rope in place.

Step 8



- Good as new!