

Fleece Dog Pull Toy

The attached instructions are from the internet. It is not exactly how I learned to make the dog pull toys, but it may help you. At least it has pictures.

My instructions.

Use selvages as these do not stretch.

1. If selvages are not sorted - match two of the same selvages together & use a loose slip knot to keep the 2 strips together. The width should be about the same - wide or narrow.
2. Pair 2 different pairs together - light & dark, wide & wide or narrow & narrow.
3. Use a loose slip to keep the 4 strips together.
4. Match up selvages with no mates together - light & dark.
5. Lay the 4 selvages on top of each other. Placing widest on the bottom right side down (as this will be on the outside of the knot) followed by the other selvages.
Light - Dark - Light - Dark
Dark - Light- Dark - Light
6. Grab the strips and tie them together at one end, leaving a few inches of fleece on one side of the knot. Pull each short ends first pulling tightly to make the knot secure, now do the long ends.
7. Spread out the strips (see picture below).
8. Take top strip and fold down over right index finger and over right strip.
9. Right strip over top strip (which is now facing down) and bottom strip.
10. Bottom strip over right strip and left strip.
11. Left strip goes over bottom strip (which is now facing up) and thru loop.
12. You will see a four square.
13. Pull each strip tight so the toy will be very tight.
14. Now repeat the above. Take left top strip and fold down over left index finger.
15. The top strip will always on the right or left. Use that finger for the loop.
16. Now do steps 9 thru 13 backwards.
17. Continue back and forth until the length is completed.
18. When completed, lay out the 4 selvages on top of each other.
19. Match knots and cut ends for strips.

I reduced the pictures on the Web site to save paper and ink.

To enlarge a picture just click on picture, grab the bottom handle (little circle on each corner) with mouse and pull out.

Tutorial for Fleece Tug Dog Toy

These are super easy to make, and you actually probably already know how! Have you ever made a boondoggle, scoubidou, plastic lace lanyard, scoubi, or rex-lace? We're going to use that same technique here, but with fleece.



Gather your materials! You're going to need four pieces of fleece that are cut the entire width of the fleece – from selvedge to selvedge. The width is going to depend on the size of dog you're making it for (and you won't need it as long to make shorter/smaller tug toys).

- For big dogs (greater than 70 lbs), you need strips 4 inches wide by the width of the fabric (16 inches total)
- For large dogs (greater than 40 lbs), you need strips 3 inches wide by the width of the fabric (12 inches total, 1/3 yard)
- For medium and small dogs (less than 40 lbs), you need strips 2 inches wide by the width of the fabric (or less) (8 inches total)

You can use a rotary cutter on this, but I eyeballed them and cut them with scissors. The edges won't show, and if you have something scraggly, you can trim it easily. Don't worry about selvedge edges, we will be trimming those off later.



Grab your strips and tie them together on one end, leaving a few inches of fleece on one side of the knot. Pull each strip tightly to make sure your knot is secure.



Spread the strips out so you have one going in each direction. I'm going to call them North, South, East, and West for the purposes of this tutorial.



For the first pass, you will always do this. Fold South towards North and North toward South.



Fold East **over** South and **through** North. Fold West **over** North and **through** South.



Tighten each strip (not too tight, though – just so it is neat). Do this by pulling North and South, then East and West, and repeating until they're all even and situated nicely.

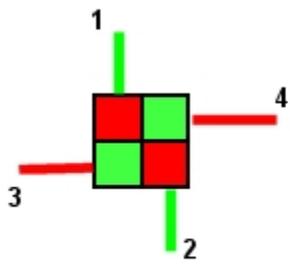


Figura 1

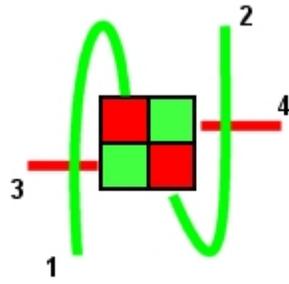


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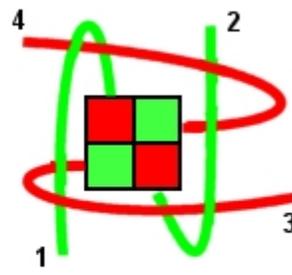


Figura 3

To achieve a square tug, you'll continue folding the strips straight back and forth, as illustrated in the diagram.

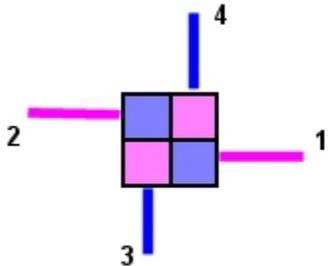


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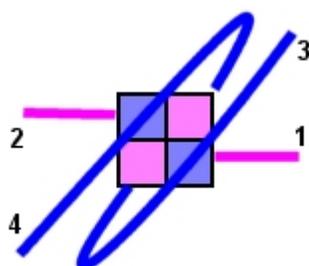


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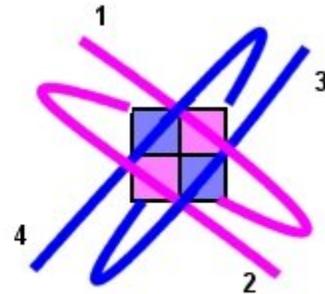


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To achieve a swirl tug, you'll want to fold them all slightly diagonally, causing them to rotate around.



When it's your desired length, take your four strands and tie them off near the braid/boondoggle. You'll want to leave more end than you think to easily tie them off, and so you can finish off the ends with fringe. Pull each strand tightly to ensure a secure knot.



Finally, grab your scissors and cut the strips at the ends to the same length, and chop off the selvedge edges. Then cut the two ends almost to the knots to make fringe for extra fun.