

BENGAL SCRATCHING TIPS



Brand: **Generic/Any Brand**
Type: **Cardboard Scratcher**
Tip: **Add Catnip Onto Scratcher**
Available: **Walmart/Amazon**



Brand: **Walmart**
Type: **Toy with Cardboard Scratcher**
Tip: **Add Catnip**
Available: **Online/Walmart**

Cat Nature

- Keep in mind, It's in a cat's nature to scratch. This is a natural instinct. Instead of teaching them not to, offer your cat a place he/she is allowed to scratch.

Tips

1. **Offer Scratching Areas:** Because it's their nature to scratch, offer them scratching products where they're allowed to scratch like cat trees or scratching boards.
2. **Catnip:** Sprinkle catnip to the areas they are allowed to scratch. You can also spray liquid catnip on cat trees and scratching boards to attract them to the things they are supposed to scratch.
3. **Redirect:** If your cat scratches furniture, redirect by offering a similar scratching area nearby. For example: If your cat has started to scratch the side of your couch - set up a vertical scratching post near the couch and spray catnip onto the scratching post.
4. **Cover:** You can cover furniture temporarily to deter scratching that has started while redirecting.
5. **Deter:** Some owners will stick double sided tape to areas where their cat has started scratching to deter their cat from enjoying scratching that area.
6. **Praise:** When your cat is scratching their scratching post or scratching board praise them and give them positive attention.
7. **Avoid Bad Habits:** Follow the tips above to avoid bad habits, once a cat is used to scratching furniture or household objects it's a lot harder to break the habit.

Scratching Boards

- Our favorite scratching products are the cardboard scratcher because they're easily replaced and inexpensive. We also love scratchers that are built into a toy or a cat house. Try a few and find out what your cat prefers.