

# BUILDING A CAT CASTLE



**Create safe hideaways for the royal felines of Kitty City.**



This service-learning project is part of Pasado's Safe Haven's Girl Scout programs and helps meet requirements for:  
**Junior Animal Habitats Badge**

## Learn more.

Cats love places to hide! Hiding spaces can help cats feel safe and comfortable in new places, when exploring new things, or when they just need a nice area to nap. Ask Scouts to think about cats they have at home or have met before – do they hide? What causes them to hide?

Many of the cats rescued by Pasado's Safe Haven are nervous when they arrive and need places to hide until they develop the courage to explore their new environment. Simple cardboard boxes can become a beautiful castle for cat hiding spots with just a little bit of love and an artistic flourish!

While our cats love the cat trees and cubbies, sometimes there just aren't enough to go around! In this case, we can reuse materials like a cardboard box to create a comforting hiding space for cats and kittens, especially when outfitted with soft blankets and a few crunchy treats!

## Plan and prepare.

Scouts can use cardboard boxes, markers, construction paper, etc to decorate a box to create a true castle for the kitties of Pasado's Safe Haven.

Let them unleash their creativity – within restraints. Boxes bigger than about 16-18" height or width can be harder to fit in individual cat rooms.

We often recommend Scouts consider their plan – even draw out a design – to include all they need.

## Craft your castle!

Get building a castle fit for a furry kind/queen!

## Share your work!

Share your project with Pasado's Safe Haven by bringing along to your sanctuary tour or sharing photos of the cat to whom you donated the castle!

**Share your Scouts' journey and hard work with us!**

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