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condo what materials would I need?**

I want a cat tree but I want to try and make it myself. I was looking for suggestions on materials...

Thanks

We have homemade cat trees at our house. The bases are plywood layers. The main posts are 4x4, the shelves are rigid cardboard pipes (because we didn't have a way to cut PVC pipe which is what you really want) cut in half for the circular levels and dinner trays from Wal-Mart for the flat surfaces. The carpeting is various types but not looped so no claw is ever caught in the carpeting. The structure is held together with a combination of screws and nails. Then we attached the carpeting by a combination of nail gun and hot glue.

It's a headache, but you can get a much better quality cat tree for a fraction of the price by building it yourself. So far, our cat trees have lasted 4 years and counting. They cost us just under \$100 each to make 7ft tall trees (carpeting was the biggest expense).

Suggested Materials:

large plywood square for base

wood post 3x3 or 4x4 for center mast(s)

smaller plywood (or other material) for landings

PVC cut in middle for scoop feature and/or intact if you want a tube feature

sisal rope

non-looped carpet

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