



# 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.

**(i)** 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!