

“Cat Scratching Posts”

For our community project Lucy and I made ‘cat scratching posts out of sustainable materials.

First of all we walked down to carpet choice and the lady at reception took us next door into a little shed and let us pick out a 5 metre roll of carpet off-cuts to use to wrap around the posts for FREE!

Next we had to find some wood and posts so we could start our project. We went to ask the school maintenance men ‘Ken and Bushy’ if they had any old table tops that we could use for the tops and the bases of the posts. They managed to find us 3 tabletops which was just what we needed so all we needed now were the posts. We knew a local builder ‘Jason Merlo’ who we thought may have something we could use. We asked him straight away and he gave us some off-cuts of old pergola posts and very kindly cut all our wood to size for us so that was fantastic! When we got all the wood back we started nailing all the carpet to the posts. We had a few difficulties when we were nailing because the nails would come through the bases too far so we would have to start over. Another difficulty we had was that we couldn’t cut some of the carpet properly so we decided to use rope for one of the posts. We bought a 15 metre packet from Mitre 10 but it only covered half of the post so we had to go and buy some more which got a little bit pricey. In the end we made 5 all together and were very proud. We are selling them for \$20 each and are giving the left over money to the RSPCA.

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