

# Rope Toy

## Materials

Fleece or jersey knit fabric

Scissors

## Preparation

Cut your fabric into strips. The strips should be about 3 inches wide. The length of your strips will vary depending on how much fabric you have to work with. A good starting point is 50-60 inches. Anything longer will be a little cumbersome to work with, but feel free to work with really long strips if that doesn't bother you.

1. Take 4 strips of fabric, line up the ends and tie them together. You can use any colors you want.



2. Hold the knot between your knees and arrange the fabric strips so that they're pointing in 4 directions (up, down, left, and right).



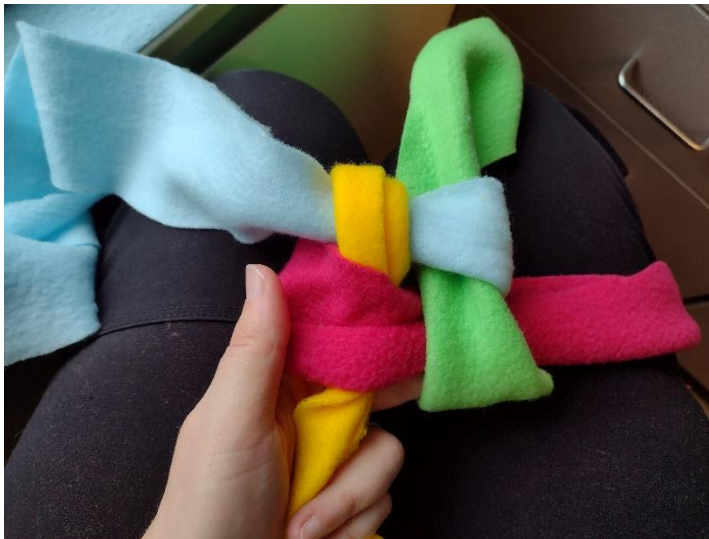
3. Fold the top strip (in this case, the yellow one) so that it points down, and fold the bottom (green) strip so that it points up.



4. Fold the right (blue) strip over the green and *under* the yellow.



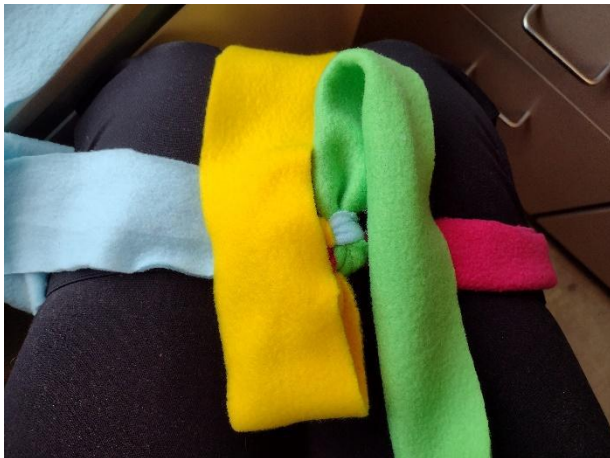
5. Keeping the left (pink) strip below the blue, fold it over the yellow and *under* the green.



6. Pull the fabric tight.



7. Take the top (green) and fold it so that it points down, and fold the bottom (yellow) so it points up.



8. Weave the left (blue) fabric over the yellow and under the green, then weave the right (pink) over the green and under the yellow. Pull them snug.



9. Continue weaving in this manner.



10. A good finished length for the toy is roughly 30 inches. If you're running out of fabric, you can add another strand by snipping a hole in the strip you need to extend.



11. Take a new strip of fabric and poke it through the hole you just made.



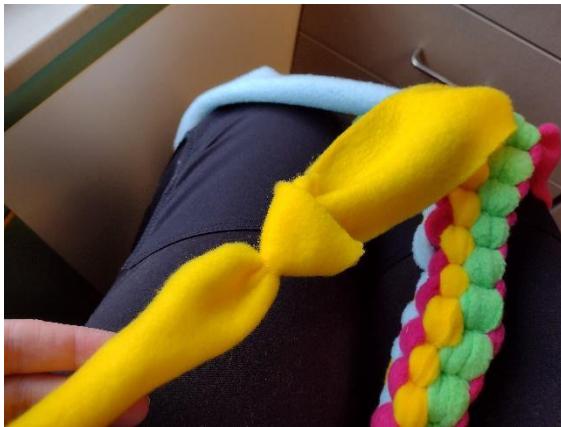
12. Now, snip a hole in the 2<sup>nd</sup> piece of fabric.



13. Take the other end of this piece of fabric and pass it through the hole you just snipped.



14. Pull this tight.



15. Continue weaving until you get to the desired length of rope toy. Then tie off the end and snip off excess fabric, if needed.

