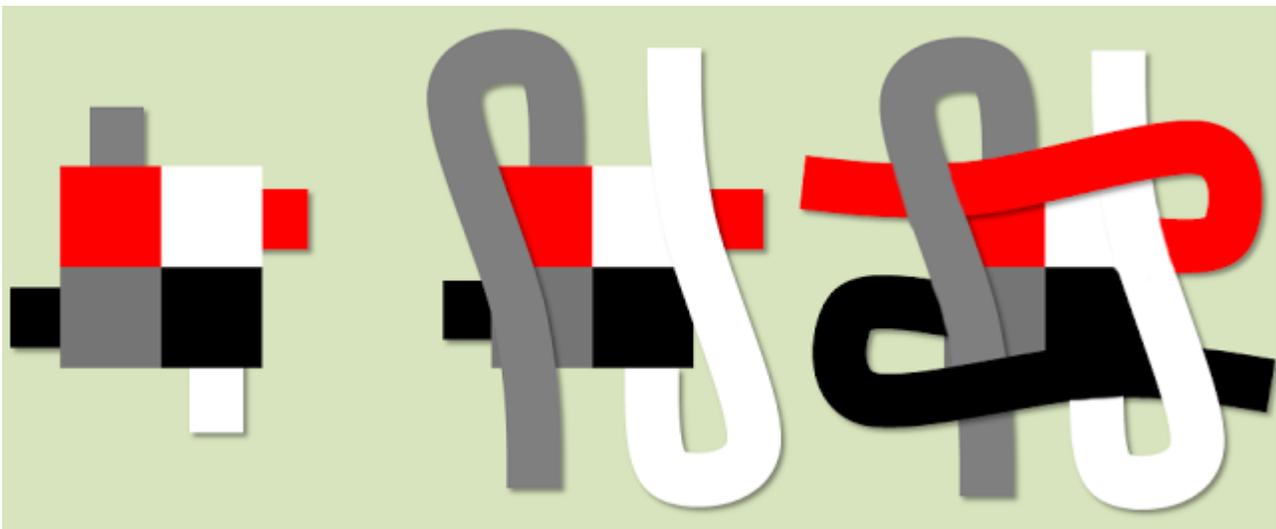


4-Strand Tug Toy

To weave a basic tug toy, clean fabric is cut into 4 long narrow strips. Note: You can scale the toy to suit your dog by altering the width and/or length of the fleece strips. In the toy shown, I worked with approximately 6cm x 2m strips; however, you can make them larger/smaller to suit your dog and the size of fleece you have available. I've made many different shapes/sizes. There is also no need to be too fussy about straight lines when cutting if using scissors. Yay!

- Loop and knot one end securely, leaving a "tassel" at the end.
- Weave the fleece using a square knot technique (see diagram and images below):
 1. Spread the strips in a cross (+) shape
 2. Fold the top strip towards the bottom
 3. Fold the bottom strip towards the top
 4. Fold the right strip towards the left, passing over then under
 5. Fold the left strip towards the right, passing over then under
 6. Pull to secure
- Repeat until you are approaching the end (not too close though - see tips below!). The top/bottom left/right pattern will cycle naturally from side-to-side with each knot.
- Loop and knot securely, leaving a "tassel" at the end, and trim if/as needed.





Once you get the hang of knotting, this is a very quick and simple toy to

- Knotting can be confusing if this is your first attempt. You may find it helpful to work with four different colours until you get the hang of things. As an added bonus, that also makes for a pretty result.
- Keeping the working end of the tug stable/secure is key to getting a uniform pattern. If you rotate the working end or accidentally miss a loop or two along the way, it will show in the shape and/or colour pattern. Not to worry...your dog isn't judging on looks. ;)
- You can secure the starting/working end to something, if you wish, but personally I prefer to be seated with it nipped between my knees. This allows me to freely flip the strands to the front, back over a shoulder, and from side to side.
- Don't leave yourself short on the tie-off - you'll need more fabric than you might think!

Remember, this is for supervised interactive play. Know your dog before giving him or her any new toy. Some dogs would rather eat their toys (whether store bought or handmade), and that's dangerous. Toys are for playing and playtime is safer (and more fun!) with you involved.

