

DIY Snuffle Mat

Machine Washable & Non-Machine Washable

Machine Washable

1. Cut your fabric base, you can make it out of fleece, canvas, or a towel and in any size you see fit.
2. Cut fleece into strips. Measurements don't need to be precise. I use the \$2.50 fleece blanket(s) from Walmart.
3. Measure and mark the fabric base about every $\frac{1}{2}$ inch- 1 inch, keeping an even number of marks on each row.
4. Cut small holes in the base as marked.
5. Thread the strips through the canvas, each end of one fleece strip going through a different hole.
6. Tie each end of the strip together in a knot.
7. Continue doing so until you finish the mat.
8. You can add as many fleece strips as you want.



I find that, the more fleece strips you add, the more difficult it is for the dog to get to the treats. This means that it could be more engaging for your dog if they are fast & focused learners, but could also cause your dog to become uninterested if they think it's too difficult. I recommend spreading out the tied strips in the beginning and testing out your dogs skill level as you go. You can fill in gaps later on but it's more of a pain to take strips out at the end.

Non-Machine Washable

Follow the same directions as the Machine Washable Mat, only switch out the fabric base for a rubber welcome mat with holes.

This makes the mat sturdier and heavier. It also makes it harder to wash and not as easy to travel with, so that is a downside. I like the ease of this version, the only work necessary is to cut the strips and tie them to the mat. It does take quite a while to tie a strip to every single side of each of the holes, but I like how full it is and my dogs enjoy the challenge.

