TIPS AND HINTS FOR MAKING YOUR TAIL

There are lots of different ways you can make a tail. Most of the materials you should already have lying around the house, but if not get creative and come up with your own design! Make sure you get an adult to help you if you have trouble understanding any of the instructions below. Remember - HAVE FUN!

PICK YOUR TAIL

Firstly you have to decide what kind of tail you want to make. Do you want a cat or dog tail? Or maybe you’d like to make a mouse, rat or even pig tail! We care for lots of different animals at the Animal Welfare League Qld, so take your pick!

Below are instructions for a tail made out of old stockings that you could easily make at home. Remember to be creative - your tail can be as colourful and as wild as you like, however, it will need to be comfortable enough to wear all day at school!

STOCKING (PANTYHOSE) TAIL

WHAT YOU’LL NEED

- pair of old stockings (pantyhose), any colour
- scissors
- something to use as 'stuffing' (i.e. newspaper, the stuffing of an old pillow etc)
- ribbon or string
- poster paint (in any colour you like)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Take the old stockings and a pair of scissors and cut off one leg, right at the top so you’ve got one long stocking leg.
2. Start filling the stocking up with your chosen 'stuffing', making sure to pack it down well right down into the stocking toe. Keep filling the stocking leg until it is filled all the way up to the top.

3. Keep filling the leg until your tail gets to the length you want it. Make sure you leave some unstuffed stocking at the top of the leg. When you’ve finished filling, twist the top of the stocking to secure the stuffing inside and tie it tightly with the ribbon or string.

4. Now you’ve got your basic tail! You will need to tie a longer piece of string or ribbon to the tail; long enough so you can tie the tail around your waist.

5. You can now decorate your tail however you want. Try decorating it like a Dalmatian - first paint it all over with white, then when the white paint has dried, paint black spots over the top. Or, to make your tail a tabby cat, paint it all over first with orange and when the orange paint is dry, paint black rings around the tail (see pictures below).