

Help your cats climb the walls

While dogs are content to live with us at ground level, cats are different. Cats love to climb, balance on ledges and sleep on shelves up high.



Why? Because your cat's ancestors were jungle cats. These wild cats perched in trees and climbed rocky ledges where they could overlook the forest floor, watching for prey. Trees and cliffs were also safe places to hang out, groom and sleep.

Today's house cats still behave like wild cats. Yet, we don't often think from a cat's perspective. If we did, we would provide furniture and "trees" cats can climb with places to hide, perch and nap. Think like a cat and provide vertical spaces.



Cats like to sit up high and watch the action.



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Add shelves along a wall. Buy them ready-made at home stores or places like IKEA and Amazon.



Stack wooden crates or cardboard boxes.



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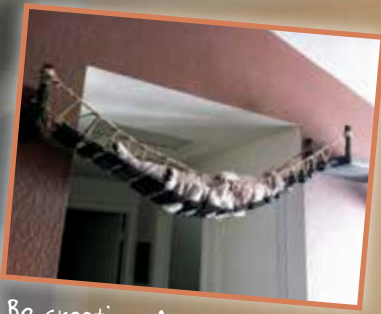
Make window ledges wider so your cats can sit and look outside. You can also get window shelves.



Make space on bookshelves just for your cats. Add a towel, carpet scrap or pillow for a bed.



Paradise for cats! You could transform your whole home with wall and ceiling cat walkways. See examples at goldtatze.de from Germany.



Be creative. Add a shelf over a doorway where space is wasted anyway. Mount crates on the wall as steps up.



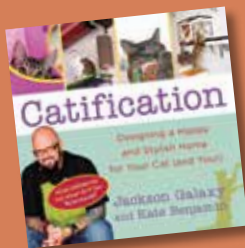
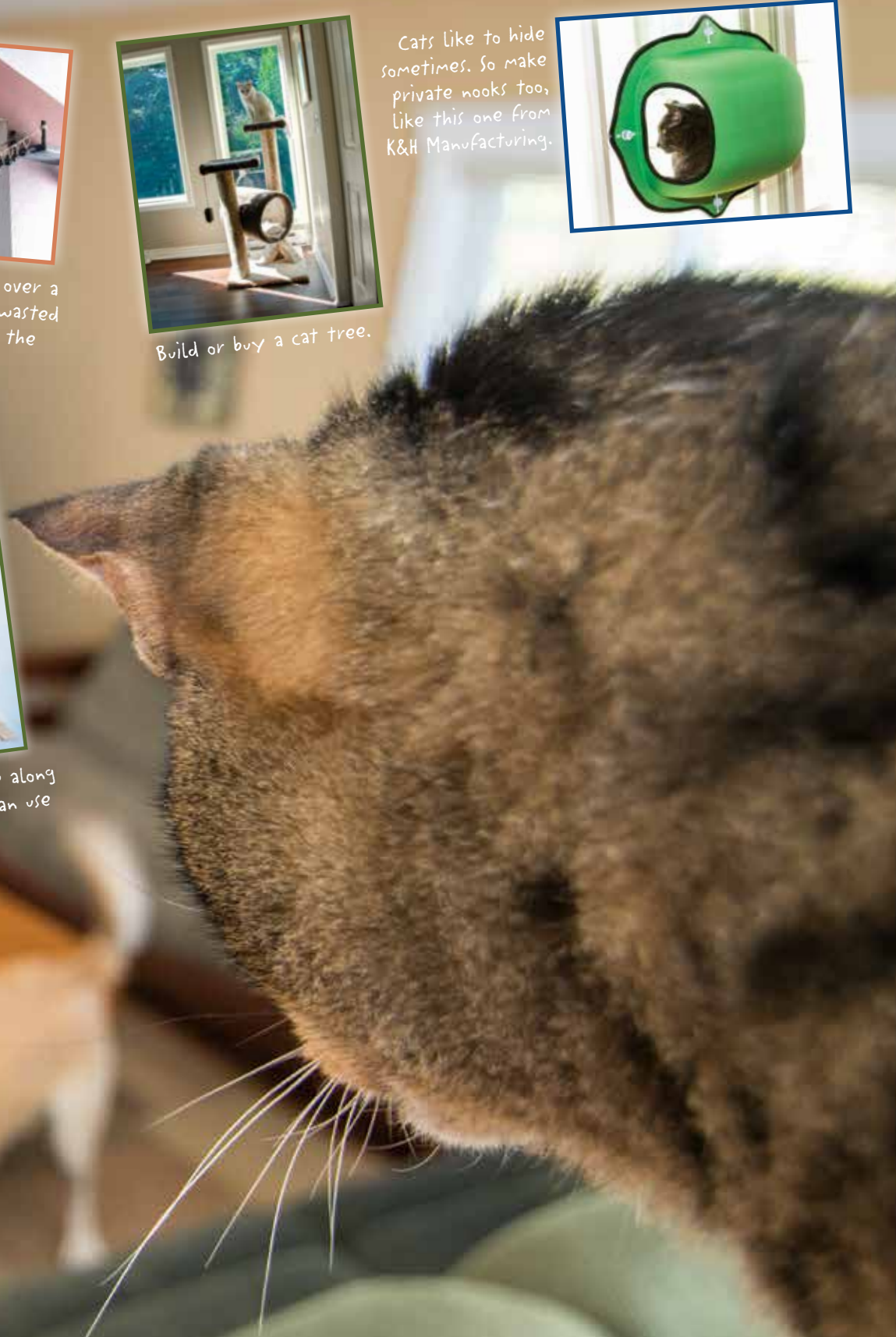
Build or buy a cat tree.

Cats like to hide sometimes. So make private nooks too, like this one from K&H Manufacturing.



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Build steps or a ramp along a wall so your cat can use the vertical space.



Need more ideas?

These two books – *Catification* and *Catify to Satisfy* – are packed with ideas to make your home cat-friendly. Also, search “cat furniture” or “cat shelves” in Pinterest or Google for tons more ideas.

