DIY NYC Cat Fort
Hands-On Guide to Building Your Own All Natural Feral Cat Shelter

Design Considerations

1. Warm & Dry
   - The primary purpose of the fort is to provide shelter for cats. It should be designed to protect the cats from the elements and provide a safe haven.

2. Durability
   - The fort should be made of durable materials that can withstand weather conditions.

3. Location
   - The fort should be located in an area where it can provide adequate shelter for the cats.

4. Aesthetics
   - The fort should be designed to be aesthetically pleasing and blend in with the surrounding environment.

5. Frugal Engineering
   - The fort should be designed to be cost-effective and easy to construct.

Materials - Hunt & Gather

A) Natural Materials
   - grass, leaves, sticks, and signpost (for support)
   - leaves, bark, and other natural materials
   - natural elements, such as logs and stones

B) On-Site Montague Materials
   - Corrugated cardboard
   - Cardboard tubes
   - Foam
   - Plastic

Tool Kit
- Screwdriver
- Hammer
- Saw
- Drill
- Sandpaper
- Paint

Step by Step for a Simplified Wigwam Design
1. Choose a site for the fort that is safe and secure.
2. Cut a piece of corrugated cardboard to the size of the fort.
3. Staple the cardboard pieces together to form the walls.
4. Add a roof to the top of the fort.
5. Secure the roof to the walls with metal brackets.

Possible Outcomes
- Teepee
- Wigwam
- Rock Outcrop

Bring in the Cats!
- Cats may be curious creatures, but they often need further encouragement to visit a new area. Consider placing catnip, treats, or other incentives to attract them.

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