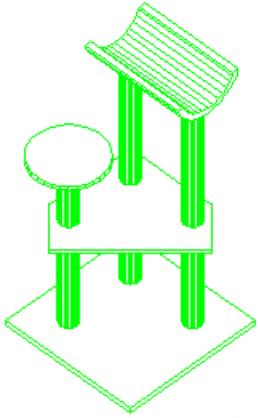


Cat Tree Forest

Cat trees are great for indoor cats to climb on for exercise or just laze away the day sitting atop one of the perches. They also make good scratching posts and can be covered with a variety of materials.



When I was looking for a good tree I found that what I had in mind was way out of my price range so I decided to make my own. My husband looked



upon my scribbled design with horror and launched himself into the project. He simplified the plans and modified them to make the structure as strong and sturdy as possible. He drew them up in Autocad and armed with the plans we made a trip to the hardware store for supplies.

The tree is designed so that the posts are solid and pass through holes cut in the middle shelf, this makes it more secure. The base is plywood, the middle and round shelves are particle board. The top curved shelf is made from a large cardboard tube (originally for pouring concrete pillars) cut into thirds and glued together to make it thick and strong. The shelves and bottom half of the posts are covered in carpet (it was left over from when we had our house carpeted a few years ago so matches the decor perfectly). The top half of the posts are covered in sisal rope.



It stands about four foot high and is fairly heavy. We may improve it in the future by adding a swing suspended from the middle shelf. The swing will be made from the remainder of the cardboard tube.



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