Bored Bunny Busters: DIY Enrichment
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DIY Materials
*Kraft packing paper
*Brown, non-glossy cardboard boxes
*Toilet paper or paper towel rolls
*Rolled oats/oatmeal containers (with label removed)
*Phone books
*Newspaper
*Brown paper bags

DIY Toys/Toy Parts
*Untreated sisal rope (T.W. Evans)
*Willow sticks, balls, barbells
*Plastic baby keys
*Ware plastic “Fun Tunnel” (large)
*Plastic slinky
*Plastic stacking cups
*Plastic ball with bell (5-6 inches)

Toy Parts for Purchase
*Seagrass
*Willow
*Peeled vine
*Yucca
*Palm leaf
*Apple twigs

Suggested Online Stores for DIY Toy Parts
https://www.mysafebirdstore.com
https://abirdtoy.com
https://www.cabirdnerds.com
https://www.noahsarkandnovelty.com

Suggested Online Stores for Premade Toys
https://triangle-rabbits.square.site
https://store.binkybunny.com
https://www.etsy.com/shop/Fun4Bunnies
https://www.etsy.com/shop/TheWellKeptRabbit

Triangle Rabbits’ Pinterest Page: @TriangleRabbit
Puzzles and Logic Toys

Cardboard Box: punch several holes in small, cardboard box, insert treats, and seal tightly (or leave loose so that your bunny can open him/herself).

Toilet paper roll: (remove all paper, do not use if excess glue). For a logic toy, cut a hole in the middle, insert treat, and fold ends.

Stacking cups: https://smile.amazon.com/dp/B0858X3VDM/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_5DZG9P364XW_CVDV7Q4X1? encoding=UTF8&psc=1

Treat Ball: https://smile.amazon.com/dp/B01BHCFRUM/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_FB4T1FFTH78AEZW4R2DW

Seek-A-Treat Shuffle Bone Toy Puzzle: https://smile.amazon.com/dp/B0038WP1YC/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_W70824NXM3PN58QTFK80

Trixie Interactive Dog Puzzle (Flip and Hide): https://smile.amazon.com/dp/B0054Q9TMA/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_XC4PQDP7HWCV9MB64VQC
Puzzles and Logic Toys (Continued)

Trixie Interactive Dog Puzzle (Beaker Toy):
https://smile.amazon.com/dp/B003TOKTEG/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_R3BAWPWE0C5YHK6CD6N1

Busy Box: this bestseller is a great way to challenge your bunny. Stuff with hay/treats/toys, etc. Available for purchase at Triangle Rabbits’ Square store.
Toss, Pull, and Resistance Toys

Toilet paper roll: (remove all paper, do not use if excess glue). Pack with hay and a stick for your bun to toss around.

Paper towel roll: (remove all paper, do not use if excess glue). Unravel at seam, hang on your bunny’s fence or play area. Will create a bouncing motion like a slinky.

Kraft paper: ball up and place in a box, tuck in your bunny’s fence or play area, wrap around a favorite toy

Cardboard: cut a hole in cardboard pieces, insert stick in the middle (or multiple sticks).
**Baskets:** willow and vine baskets are favorites with bunnies. Buy at pet-safe stores, avoid baskets at craft stores (may be treated).

**Hanging toys:** hanging wreath or garland (sold in Triangle Rabbits' bundles) are some examples of hanging toys, which provide a great chewing challenge.

**Small toss toys:** these come in a variety of styles and textures.
Foraging Toys

Many of the toys listed above can also be used for foraging; just hide treats/pellets.

**Plastic Slinky:** during supervised playtime only, hang from enclosure and weave your bunny’s favorite veggies and herbs around the slinky.

**Veggie Clothesline:** during supervised playtime only, hang untreated sisal rope from enclosure, laying or pinning fresh veggies and herbs from it.

**Digging box:** take a large, cardboard box and cut two holes: one on two sides of the box. Stuff with newspaper, kraft paper, pellets/treats, hay, and toys.

**Paper lunch bags or grocery store bags:** (remove any handles) and cut a few holes on the sides, stuff with hay, treats, pellets, and/or toys, and tie or fold over the top.

**Oxbow Timothy Club Small Pet Mat:**

**Seagrass mats:** these are a great way to stimulate your bunny and are quite fun to bunstruct. They come in a variety of sizes and often have toy parts added (see below).

Beachcomber Hat: this is a great toy to hide treats – or your bunny – in!
Exercise

Cardboard Maze/Tunnel
- Collect several cardboard boxes, varying in sizes and cut 2-3 holes in each one large enough for your bunny to hop through.
- Line up the holes so that the boxes are connected, using tape to affix them together if desired.
- Stuff some packing paper or newspaper in the boxes to add an additional challenge.
- You can use these mazes/tunnels in conjunction with other hiding boxes, beds, and large toys in your bunny’s area.
- Switch up your mazes/tunnels every so often so that your bunny has a new challenge.

Obstacle/Agility Course
- There are a lot of wonderful obstacle and agility course setups online, some of which you can buy and some are DIY.
- To create a jump, you can use a toilet paper roll placed on two short boxes, increasing the height as needed.
- Plastic tunnels make a fun obstacle course, and I like to connect each end to a cardboard box.
- Paper bags from the grocery store (with handles removed) can also be another fun tunnel: simply cut open the bottom so that your bunny has an exit, and prop the paper bag open with a small box or toy.
- Incorporate the bunny bowling and/or cardboard maze/tunnel toys in the instructions above to make an even larger course where your bunny can jump on top of the boxes, knock down the “bowling pins”, etc.

Binky Bunny’s Maze Haven:
https://store.binkybunny.com/collections/haven/products/maze-haven-rabbit-house

Relaxing

**Sitting:** get down to your bunny's level; sit with your bunny and pet him/her, which is a great way to also introduce grooming.

**Different textures:** bath towels, flannel bedding, fleece, and cotton sheets offer a variety of textures for your bunny.

**Different beds:** there are many varieties of small cat and dog beds that work great for bunnies. This one is a favorite here: https://www.petco.com/shop/en/petcostore/product/harmony-oval-cat-bed-in-grey


*Always make sure to listen to your bunny and let him/her have a space (cardboard box or house) be alone and hide if s/he decides that playtime is over.*

**Thank you for helping to make your bunny’s life enriched, loved, and safe!**