

**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

**Toy Parts for Purchase**

- \*Seagrass
- \*Willow
- \*Peeled vine
- \*Yucca
- \*Palm leaf
- \*Apple twigs

**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)

- \*Pine blocks or shapes
- \*Balsa blocks or shapes
- \*Paper boxes or shapes
- \*Untreated sisal rope (T.W. Evans)
- \*Seagrass rope
- \*Palm leaf plate

**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\\_5DZG9P364XWCVDV7Q4X1?encoding=UTF8&psc=1](https://smile.amazon.com/dp/B0858X3VDM/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_5DZG9P364XWCVDV7Q4X1?encoding=UTF8&psc=1)



Treat Ball:

[https://smile.amazon.com/dp/B01BHCFRUM/ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_mt\\_dp\\_FB4T1FFTH78AEZW4R2DW](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](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](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](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).



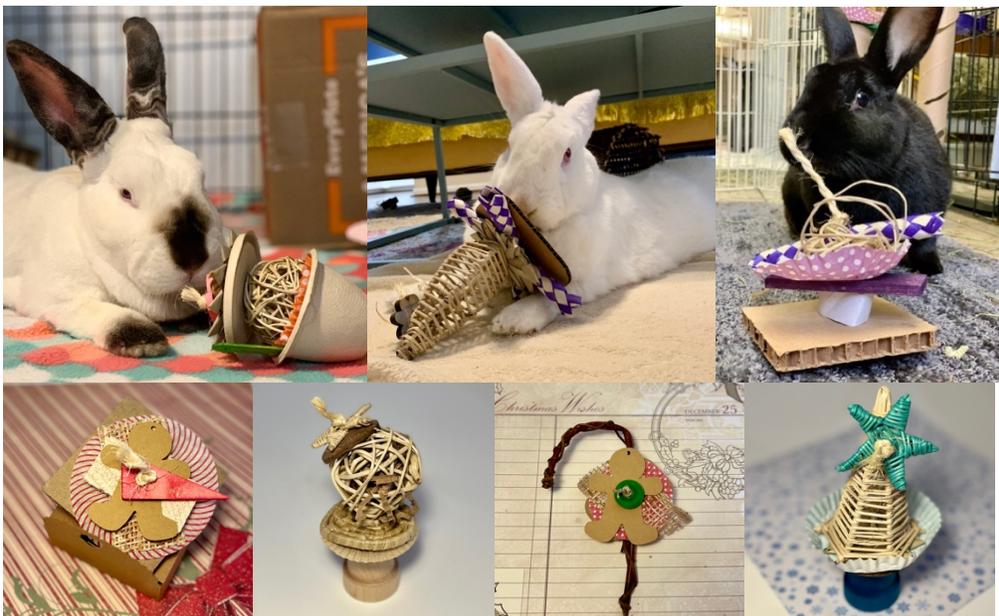
Baskets: willow and vine baskets are favorites with bunnies. Buy at pet-safe stores, avoid baskets at craft stores (may be treated).



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:

<https://www.chewy.com/oxbow-timothy-club-hide-seek-small/dp/261617>

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>

Easter Bowling Set: <https://www.orientaltrading.com/easter-bowling-set-a2-13961556.fltr?categoryId=550229+1232>



## 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>



IKEA Duktig bed: <https://www.ikea.com/us/en/p/duktig-doll-bed-with-bedlinen-set-pine-multicolor-10101664/>

\*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!***