



# Brevard County Libraries

We are shaking things up a bit with our  
Summer Reading Program 2021!

In this week's **Teen/Preteen Activity Packet**, we will make our very own **Cosplay Yarn Tails!** Using yarn and a wire pet brush you can create a cool cosplay accessory! This idea comes from the blog "ISaveA2Z."

Activity Packets can be picked-up at any branch within Brevard County and are available for curbside service.

All Activity Packets are developed to be take-home based projects. Most supplies will not be provided by the library and will be listed only as 'Supplies Needed.'



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# Cosplay Yarn Tail



## Supplies Needed:

- 1 Skein or Ball of Yarn (For a multicolored tail grab a multicolored yarn or use 2 skeins!)
- Scissors
- A Wire Pet Brush (clean!)
- A Flat Iron for Hair (clean before and after!)
- Key Chain Hook
- Trash Can
- Optional: A Thick Work Glove

## Notes:

- This is a very simple and easy project- but it can be time consuming. Be patient.
- Wire pet brushes can be found at many dollar and retail stores. The wire may scratch your hand so use a thick work glove if you are concerned.
- Please be extremely careful with products like flat irons. They heat quickly. Make sure to only use it for a short period on yarn and be sure to turn it off.

## Directions:

This activity is intended for you to do at home with your family. Ask an adult for help with this project if necessary.

1. The first step is to create a braided base for your tail. You can do this by winding yarn around your hand and elbow. Do this about 12 times. Cut the yarn loops at each end.
2. Then tie a knot in one end. Braid the yarn until you reach a few inches before the end. Tie a knot. You should have yarn hanging out.



3. Now grab your wire brush and brush the yarn tail at the end. This will start to pull apart the fibers of the yarn and create a lot of fuzz. It's ok! That's supposed to happen. Clean your brush often and have a trash can nearby. Continue brushing until all the pieces of yarn start to take on a fuzzy, hair like appearance.



4. Carefully run your flat iron over the tail ends of the yarn for only a few seconds. This will help smooth out any frizz or fuzz. Then brush one more time. Use extreme care with the flat iron.



5. Now we will begin to make attachment pieces that will add more hair to the rest of your tail. Start by winding yarn around your arm like you did in step 1. This time only wind it 6 or so times. Cut the loops at either end and lay flat. Take another piece of yarn and tie this bundle together in the



center. Be sure to knot it tightly together and to leave a long end. You will use that end to connect this piece to your main tail braid.



6. Brush it out! Use your wire brush and brush out this portion of yarn. Repeat steps 3 and 4 with the brush and flat iron. You can then attach this part to your braid. Use the piece of yarn that is dangling from the top of this piece and tie that to your braid.



7. Repeat steps 5 and 6 until you have completely covered your tail
8. Take a key ring hook and push it through the top knot of the tail. You can then attach it to a bag or clothing. Your cosplay tail is complete!

## Try These!

- *Yaya Han's world of cosplay : a guide to fandom costume culture* by Yaya Han
- *The costume making guide : creating armor & props for cosplay* by Svetlana Quindt
- *Epic cosplay costumes : a step-by-step guide to making and sewing your own costume designs* by Kristie Good
- Be sure to check out the Brevard Libraries YouTube channel for more fun cosplay and craft ideas as part of Brevard Library Con-Demand!