



How to make a fun and thrifty draught excluder from scrap materials

A draught excluder 'snake' (or sausage dog, or cat) will stop the cold air 'hissing' under your doors this winter. They're easy to make, and cost nothing!

You will need

- Something soft and tube-like to make the body of the snake/dog. You could make this yourself from an old curtain or bed-linen, or a 'remnant' of some nice fabric from a department store. Or you can use the leg of an old pair of tights, a very long sock or the sleeve of an old jumper
- Something to stuff your snake with (e.g. old socks or bits of foam)
- Scissors and wool (or string)
- A needle and thread
- Things to make the snake's eyes, tongue etc, like scraps of fabric or buttons

This is what you do ...

- 1) Fill the tube with stuffing so it forms a sausage shape. Leave a bit unstuffed at the end.
- 2) If your stuffing material is very light, add something with a bit of weight so that the draught doesn't blow it away!
- 3) Close up your sausage with wool or string. You could make this into a nose.
- 4) Use fabric, buttons, scraps, decorations to give your snake/dog/sausage a bit of character.
- 5) Let your imagination run wild. Make a snake to match your curtains. Sew someone's name on it or decorate it with felt shapes.



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