



CATIO SPACES®

Designing Spaces for Safe, Healthy & Happy Cats

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Catio Spaces™ adds DIY catio plans and gift certificate for holiday gift-giving

SEATTLE, Washington (Oct. 23, 2015) – Feline Navidad! Cat lovers who want to include their favorite feline in the holiday festivities can treat themselves or the cat lover in their life to a [DIY catio plan](#) or a gift certificate for a Do-It-Yourself catio plan. (Note to procrastinators: orders are fulfilled at time of purchase.)



Catios are outdoor enclosures designed to keep cats safe, healthy and happy. The Do-It-Yourself catio plans, available in various styles and sizes, are the creation of Cynthia Chomos, founder-designer of [Catio Spaces](#), and a licensed general contractor.

Designs include the Haven and Sanctuary catios (three-sided designs that attach to a home) or the freestanding Oasis catio for a yard that includes directions for a catwalk tunnel. Cat access to the catios is via a cat door installed in a window, door or wall. Both the Sanctuary and Oasis catios provide space for seating to accommodate human and feline interaction. Sizes range from 3'x6' to 8'x10'.

Each DIY plan includes step-by-step instructions, a materials list, tool list, and more than 25 diagrams to minimize guesswork and save time for DIYers or their carpenter/installer.

The [DIY catio plans](#) and [gift certificates](#) sell for \$49.95 each and are delivered immediately upon purchase as a downloadable PDF. Catio Spaces donates \$5 from each sale to an animal welfare organization.



The HAVEN catio
(3x6,4x8)



The SANCTUARY catio
(6x8, 8x10)



The OASIS catio & Cat Tunnel
(8x8, 8x10)

Bonus tips are included in each plan to help acclimate their pet to its new haven. Guidelines for decorating, enriching, and incorporating cat-safe plants or other accessories are also included.

The catio plans have adjustable heights and are designed to be built as panels for ease of assembly. Shelves are designed to maximize vertical space for exercise, lounging and cat naps. All plans offer roofing options including open wire mesh, a fully-covered, clear polycarbonate ceiling or a combination of both. Flexibility is also provided for the door placement.

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Cynthia Chomos, the founder of Catio Spaces and a feng shui consultant and designer, builds custom catios in the Greater Seattle area. The longtime cat lover formed her design-build company to combine her passion for creating harmonious spaces for positive living with a desire to provide safe, stimulating and aesthetically appealing sanctuaries for felines.

Chomos is a licensed and bonded contractor and associate member of the Master Builders Association of Snohomish and King Counties. She worked with a CAD drawing specialist to develop schematics and easy-to-follow instructions for her catio designs.

“We want our catios to be easy to assemble and rewarding to build,” she explained, adding, “Whether using a DIY plan or a custom design, our goal is to keep cats safe and happy in an outdoor enclosure that visually complements each client’s home.

Before offering the DIY plans for sale, Chomos had a client in Portland, Ore., test-build one. That client, who built the 6x8 Sanctuary catio, called it a “perfect solution,” with great directions. “People just can’t believe we built it ourselves,” she exclaimed. “Every little detail was considered. The plans were easy to follow and thorough. Now I feel safe giving my cats permanent access, even at night,” she added.

In the Seattle area, where Catio Spaces is based, the company has installed a variety of catios with many of them customized to complement a particular home – and the feline occupants. Chomos works with a licensed and bonded carpenter and installation specialist to construct the catios.

Recent installations include a Seattle Seahawks-themed catio and “man cave” for Lord Purrvical, the “ultimate game day lap cat,” and a 26-foot catio that wraps around the home of a cat-loving client. It was designed for Junior and Petunia, a pair of Persians who were known to stalk birds. Now they’re contained in a spacious catio where they have abundant shelving for exercise and bird *watching*.

For her own cat, a sun-loving adopted tabby named Serena (who is credited for inspiring Catio Spaces), Chomos built both a window box catio and a ground-level Sanctuary style catio for the backyard.

Catio proponents say these increasingly popular enclosures are not about pampering a pet. “Whether you have an indoor cat or an outdoor cat, a catio can enhance the health and happiness of a cat, while protecting a beloved pet from predators, poisons and diseases from other animals,” explains Chomos. They also help protect local bird and wildlife from wandering cats that might prey on them.

Chomos cites other benefits of an investment in a catio:

- reduce vet bills from neighborhood cat fights and vehicles
- provide a healthy lifestyle with fresh air, exercise, sunbathing and bird watching
- create an outdoor space for human and feline interaction
- eliminate indoor litter odors (*with optional outdoor litter box discretely hidden from view*)
- peace of mind knowing your cat is always in a safe and protected environment

“Providing cats with outdoor access in enclosures ensures we are good cat owners and good neighbors,” agrees Jennifer Hillman, Western Region Director for The Humane Society of the United States. “It means being responsible for wildlife, responsible for community space, and responsible for the safety of our cats,” she added.

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