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We live in a horizontal world, but for cats, that's not enough. Instead, they prefer to explore all aspects of their environment by climbing on and jumping off elevated surfaces. Whether they spend their time on top of the refrigerator or napping near a windowsill, cats crave vertical space. And fortunately for them, this type of terrain can be attained with a cat tree. Available in a variety of styles, cat trees provide your pets with plenty of room to perch and play. But which one is the right one for them? Here's how you can find the best cat tree for any fickle feline.

Determine Preference & Personality

Not all cat trees are created equal. While some models tower overhead, others remain close to the ground. But with so many options to choose from, how do you pick the perfect one? That's easy! Just ask yourself a few simple questions.

Step 1: How old is your cat?

A cat's age often determines their amount of physical activity. Since older cats aren't as agile as year-old kittens, a tall tree with narrow ledges might not be the right fit. Instead, opt for a more conventional construction, like a [Trixie® Vitoria Scratching Post](#). Not only is it low to the ground, but it also contains an oversized sill that's perfect for sprawling.

For younger cats, you'll want something that will appeal to their natural instincts. Inherently born with the need to pounce and scratch, kittens have a lot of energy to dispel, so you'll need a tree that'll keep them entertained. The [Trixie® Madrid Scratching Post](#) offers a desirable place to play. Along with a padded platform, this ingenious cat tree features a cave, four landings, a plush nest and sisal-wrapped posts throughout. With this configuration in your home, your cats will never be bored again.

Step 2: How many cats do you have?

If you have more than one cat, consider a cat tree that contains multiple levels (like the [Trixie® Valencia Scratching Post](#)). In fact, your tree should have at least one platform and one scratching post for each cat in your household. Yes, this may seem a tad excessive, but it allows all of your pets to enjoy their new toy at the same time.

Step 3: How does your cat spend a majority of their time?

My cat loves to climb!

Challenge your cat's strength and endurance with a tall cat tree! Equipped with several spacious landings, the [Trixie® Adiva Scratching Post](#) is the perfect activity center for your curious kitty. This amazing cat complex comes complete with a dangling rope, several scratching posts and tricky obstacles that'll put your cat's climbing abilities to the test.

My cat likes to hide.

Nowadays, many cat trees are constructed with the introverted cat in mind. Because most cats don't like to be exposed whilst grooming or sleeping, cat trees typically include a hideaway feature for their privacy. Whether it's an [enclosed cat condo](#) or a [perforated cat tower](#), these structures give cats a sufficient amount of solitary space.

Make Intentional Introductions


Cats aren't good with change. Anything from putting up holiday decorations to buying a new piece of furniture can stress them out. To avoid a feline freak-out, there are a couple of things you can do to acquaint your cat to their new tree.

- Encourage your cat to climb the tree by placing a trail of [tasty treats](#) throughout the structure. By adding a little incentive to each landing, they will carefully examine the new habitat for themselves.
- If your furry friend prefers the outside sights, put the tree near a wide window. Not only will this supply them with a better vantage point, but it also allows them to catch some rays in sun-soaked spots.
- Coax your cat with a [catnip toy](#)! Since most cats go crazy for catnip, simply set this toy on the top perch and watch as your cat explores their new terrain.

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