



Lightfoot Ragdolls

and Cherubims

DECLAWING?

Declawing is illegal in some states. I completely understand not wanting your furniture or carpet shredded. BUT, declawing a cat is essentially amputating from the last knuckle down. It is not a great experience for a cat. There are many situations I have heard about where a cat never recovered correctly and using the litter box and playing was something they were unable to do after being declawed. Some cats never walk correctly afterwards. Cats can develop personality changes and can quit using a litter box, bite, be aggressive, etc. As they get a bit older, usually they get arthritis.

Video

What are the alternative: A basic one that I'm not sure how effective it is, is to have your vet put on claw covers called Soft Paws. Basically, they are artificial nails that are glued on to the claws. I'm assuming they no longer can retract their claws, so I don't know how comfortable it or how long it lasts.

There are large 2 sided tape pieces that you can apply to your other items you don't want scratched (check for safety to your have used those before. It seems like after a while, they just more and you can remove them. It was pretty effective here.

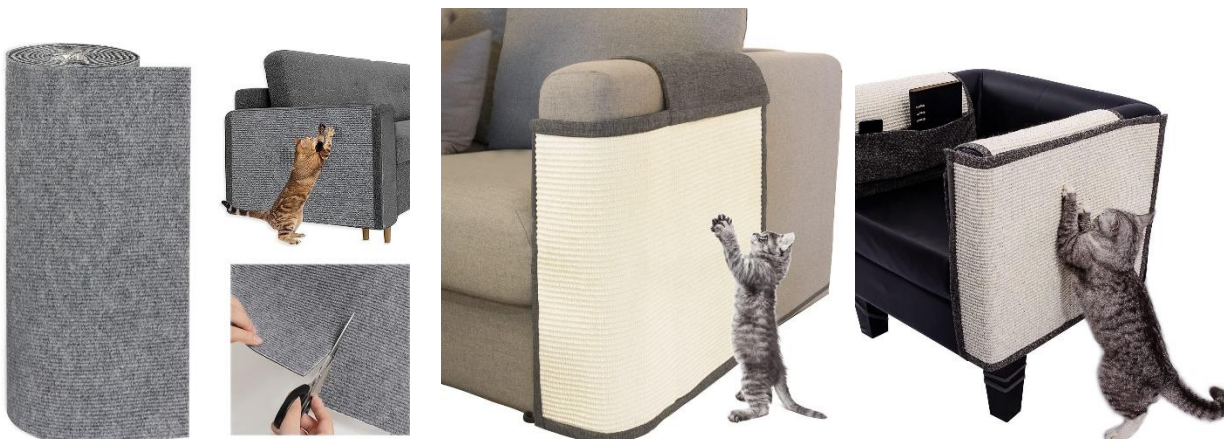


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Aluminum foil. Hmmm. I tried that as a deterrent to keep the certain surfaces. It didn't actually do anything to help here.

There are also large sisal mats that they make that you can put on your couch. The first one pictured is similar to the 2-sided tape ones and adheres to your couch. If you have a leather couch, that may be best. The others may work. The others attach to a cloth couch or chair. My daughter got one that had a spiraled pin holder to hold it on the couch. These are great alternatives.



ULTIMATELY, have lots of things that are okay for your cat to scratch. There are SO many different kinds of scratchers. Many people like the disposable cardboard ones. Those can be great, but usually end up leaving little pieces of cardboard all over the place.

There are vertical ones, ones that go on the floor, cat trees with rope (the vertical posts covered with cloth are useless, you need rope).

