

Catio Tour Seattle 2019 Resource Guide

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All About Catios

Catios are enclosed “cat patios” that allow your cat to safely enjoy the outdoors while they soak up fresh air, exercise, and watch birds.



Why Build Your Cat a Catio?

- Have peace of mind always knowing your cat is safe from outdoor dangers. Traffic, poisons, pet theft and disease are all threats to free-roaming outdoor cats.
- Protect wildlife. Cats are excellent natural hunters. Even a well-fed or good-natured cat has the urge to hunt and will harm wildlife, especially birds.
- Save money on veterinary bills. Common ailments for free-roaming outdoor cats include contagious diseases, parasites, and abscesses from fights with other animals.
- Extend the life of your best friend! Free-roaming outdoor cats are at risk for a shortened life, while an indoor cat that stays indoors or has a catio will live up to 15 years.



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Where do I start?

Catios vary widely and their design can range from simple to sublime. They can be furnished with perches and old tree stumps for climbing and scratching opportunities, tarps to provide shade and protection from the elements, enclosed ladders, and tunnels to provide safe access to and from the house.



Do-It-Yourself Catio Plans

Catio Spaces – catiospaces.com

SafeCat Outdoor Enclosure – just4cats.com

Cat Enclosure Custom Build Companies - Seattle area

Catio Spaces – catiospaces.com

Pet Enclosures NW – petenclosuresnorthwest.com



Cat Enclosure Kits

C & D Pet Products – cdpets.com

CustomCages.com: SunCATcher Enclosures
– customcages.com

Catbitats – catbitats.com

Cats On Deck – catsondeck.com

Habitat Haven: The Cat's Den
– habitathaven.com

KittyWalk Systems, Inc. – kittywalk.com

Wild Whiskers – wildwhiskers.com

Other options

Invisible Fence – invisiblefence.com

Kritter Kommunity – kritterkommunity.com

Cats with an Altitude – catswithanaltitude.com

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The CATsle

From the Host:

We recognized that our cats needed enrichment and interesting places to be. As homeowners, we have areas around the house outside that could easily be turned into space for the cats - the perfect combination to build a safe place for them to safely observe the wildlife, feel the fresh air, and expand their living area.



Features:

The main catio is built off the back of the house on a slope with a human-sized door for interaction and cleaning. There are shelves around the perimeter to maximize exploration space for the cats. There is a natural tree trunk used as a ladder, colorful stepping stones, and a sisal rope wrapped pole for more interesting enrichment.

Last summer a tunnel was added from an upstairs window. It travels along the side of the house then enters the catio above the human door. The tunnel includes a larger platform where the cats can lounge and pass each other with comfortable space and is high enough for the cats to watch the birds and see over fences for interesting sights. The tunnel faces the east so in the summer mornings the cats spend hours in the sun.



Quick Facts:

- **Year Built:** 2015 with extension on 2018
- **Built by:** Homeowner
- **Dimensions:** 15' x 5' x 4-8'
- **Overall Cost:** \$2,000
- **Type of Catio:** Attached to house
- **Cat Accessibility:** Cat doors



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Taj Meowhal

From the Host:

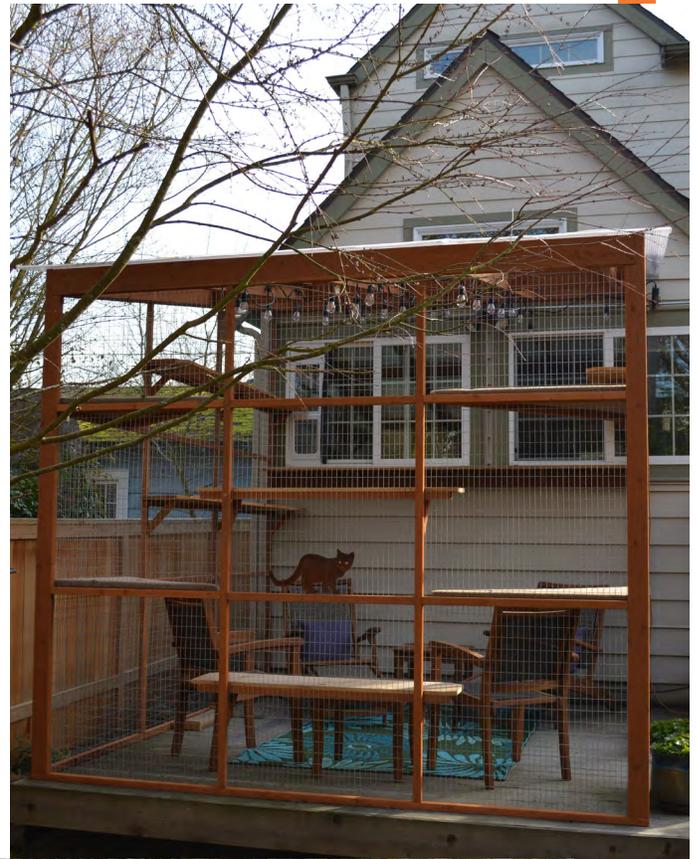
My husband and I went on the Catio Tour in 2017 and met Cynthia Chomos of Catio Spaces. After seeing the many creative ways people enrich the lives of their cats with catios, we decided to build one.

Features:

The catio encloses roughly 2/3 of the deck on the west side of the house. The cats are very energetic, outgoing, and social. It was important that the catio be large enough for them to run and for the homeowners to hang out with them. The cats have plenty of boardwalks and shelves for sun bathing. These all look out over the adjacent trees and fence. The humans have lounge chairs.

Quick Facts:

- **Year Built:** 2018
- **Built by:** Catio Spaces
- **Dimensions:** 10' x 12' x 11'
- **Overall Cost:** \$6,000
- **Type of Catio:** Attached to house
- **Cat Accessibility:** Cat door



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Penne's Palace

From the Host:

We adopted our cat Penne from PAWS Cat City when she was about three years old. Although we don't let her go outside, she was evidently an indoor/outdoor cat at her previous home, as she was always eager to escape whenever an outside door was opened. We took the Catio tour a couple of years ago, and were inspired by the experience to provide Penne a safe outdoor space to enjoy whenever she wanted to.

Features:

This custom Catio sits on top of a garden shed connected by a tunnel from the house. The painted Catio features a pyramid style roof with a finial, a cat "lookout" and awning, multiple shelves, cedar flooring, a human size and water bowl door, a faux window and planter box. The catwalk tunnel features a polycarbonate roof for year-round access to the main Catio.

Quick Facts:

- **Year Built:** 2018
- **Built by:** Catio Spaces
- **Dimensions:**
 - Palace – 5' x 5' x 9'
 - Outlook: 32" x 18" x 20"
 - Catwalk Tunnel: 8' x 18" x 20"
- **Overall Cost:** \$5,000
- **Type of Catio:** Freestanding attached by tunnel
- **Cat Accessibility:** Window



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Serena's Garden Getaways

From the Host:

I built my first catio to keep my 3-month-old tabby safe while enjoying the enrichment of the outdoors. Being a nature lover, I also wanted a space where we could bond and enjoy views of my garden. One inspiration led to another and she now has 5 outdoor spaces including our Catnap Catio. We are just finishing a house remodel and the window box catio has allowed her outdoor access through it all!

Features:

Serena's catios include a window box overlooking the front yard garden and a Catnap catio in the backyard with seating for human and feline interaction. A 20-foot catwalk tunnel connects to an arbor catio where she enjoys birdwatching. Another 40 feet of tunnels lead to the ground-level Catnap catio with a wire mesh and polycarbonate roof, grass floor, spiral staircase, cedar shelves, water fountain, cat safe plants and more. A small birdhouse catio is the final destination at the end of the tunnels.

Quick Facts:

- **Year Built:** 2013-2018
- **Built by:** Homeowner
(Catio Spaces founder/owner)
- **Dimensions:**
 - Window Box – 8' 7" x 2'
 - Catnap Catio – 13' x 7'
 - Catwalk Tunnels – 60'
 - Arbor Catio – 6' x 2'
 - Birdhouse Catio – 2' x 2'
- **Overall Cost:** Varies by catio
- **Type of Catio:** Attached to house, fence, and freestanding
- **Cat Accessibility:** Wall and window cat doors



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Howard & Thomas' Cabana of Mischief

From the Host:

I built my catio because I wanted our cats to safely enjoy the outdoors without killing any wildlife.

Features:

The catio has several levels and a cat tree for the cats to enjoy. They get out using a cat door that was installed in the window. The cat door was probably the most expensive part of the catio. It was enclosed using "chicken wire" and a piece of plastic for the roof to keep it relatively dry.

Quick Facts:

- **Year Built:** 2015
- **Built by:** Homeowner
- **Dimensions:** 8' x 2.5' x 7'
- **Overall Cost:** \$250
- **Type of Catio:** Attached to house
- **Cat Accessibility:** Cat door



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Ashworth Manor Catio

From the Host:

My catio helps in keeping my kitties and wildlife safe while being a good neighbor!

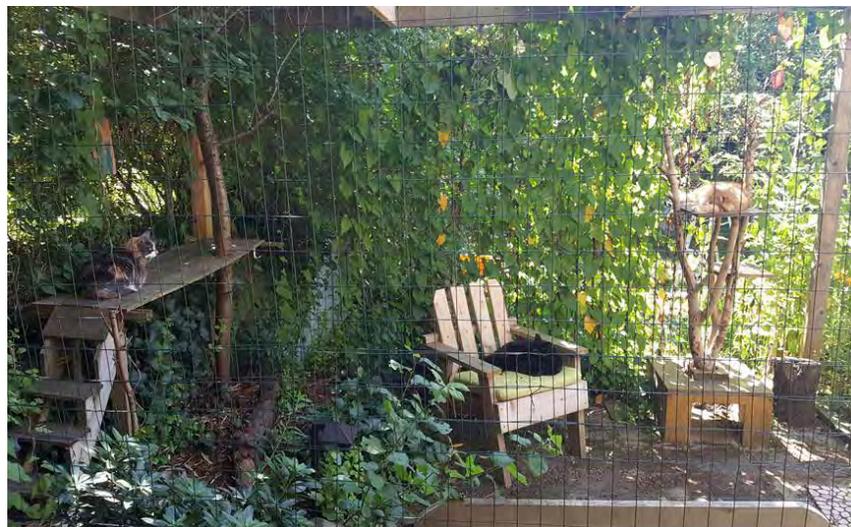
Features:

There are three levels to this catio. Staircases help the cats move from one level to another. There is also access for homeowners to enter and sit inside the catio with the cats.



Quick Facts:

- **Year Built:** 2002, 2009, 2016
- **Built by:** Homeowner
- **Dimensions:** 380 square feet
- **Overall Cost:** \$6,000
- **Type of Catio:** Attached to house
- **Cat Accessibility:** Cat door



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Club Purradiso

From the Host:

Lucy, Molly, and Aisling always loved sitting in the window watching the birds and squirrels-- now they get to enjoy being outside safely! We may build a second catio, on the other side of the house, this summer.

Features:

The homeowners bought the "Haven" DIY catio plan from Catio Spaces, collaborated with their contractor to transform it into a free-standing structure, and added a sky-bridge to the house. The cats enjoy running straight up the carpeted pole, and chasing the dancing points of light created by the disco ball! A bird feeder mounted a short distance away generates lots of activity that they watch closely. The floor is made of patterned mats. Yoga mat sections are comfy, weatherproof covers for some shelves. A transparent roof allows the cats to enjoy the sunlight and stay dry. The catio is surrounded by herbs and flowers, along with chairs and a hammock nearby.



Quick Facts:

- **Year Built:** 2018
- **Built by:** Homeowner and Contractor Gordon Higgins with Catio Spaces plan, "Haven"
- **Dimensions:** 8' x 4' x 8'
- **Overall Cost:** \$4,000
- **Type of Catio:** Freestanding, attached to house by tunnel
- **Cat Accessibility:** Cat door

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Double Stuf Catio

From the Host:

My housemate and I went on the Catio Tour in 2017! We were already interested in the idea so our indoor cats could safely spend time outside, but the tour is what convinced us we could make it happen.

Features:

The base of the catio is the Blue Hawk 10x5x6 ft outdoor dog kennel (found at Lowe's). The catio owners cut the corrugated metal to create a panel to attach a tunnel and connect the freestanding catio to a window. To secure the edges of the catio they added stones and used cedar bark on the inside for comfort and scent. There was already a living plant in the area for some natural cover and interest, and they added various shelves and toys for the cats to play on.



Quick Facts:

- **Year Built:** 2017
- **Built by:** Homeowner
- **Dimensions:** 10' x 5' x 6'
- **Overall Cost:** \$450
- **Type of Catio:** Attached to house
- **Cat Accessibility:** Cat door

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Baby Cat's Bungalow

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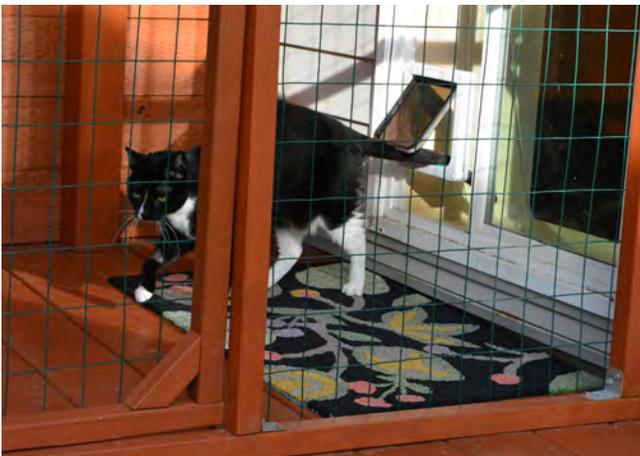
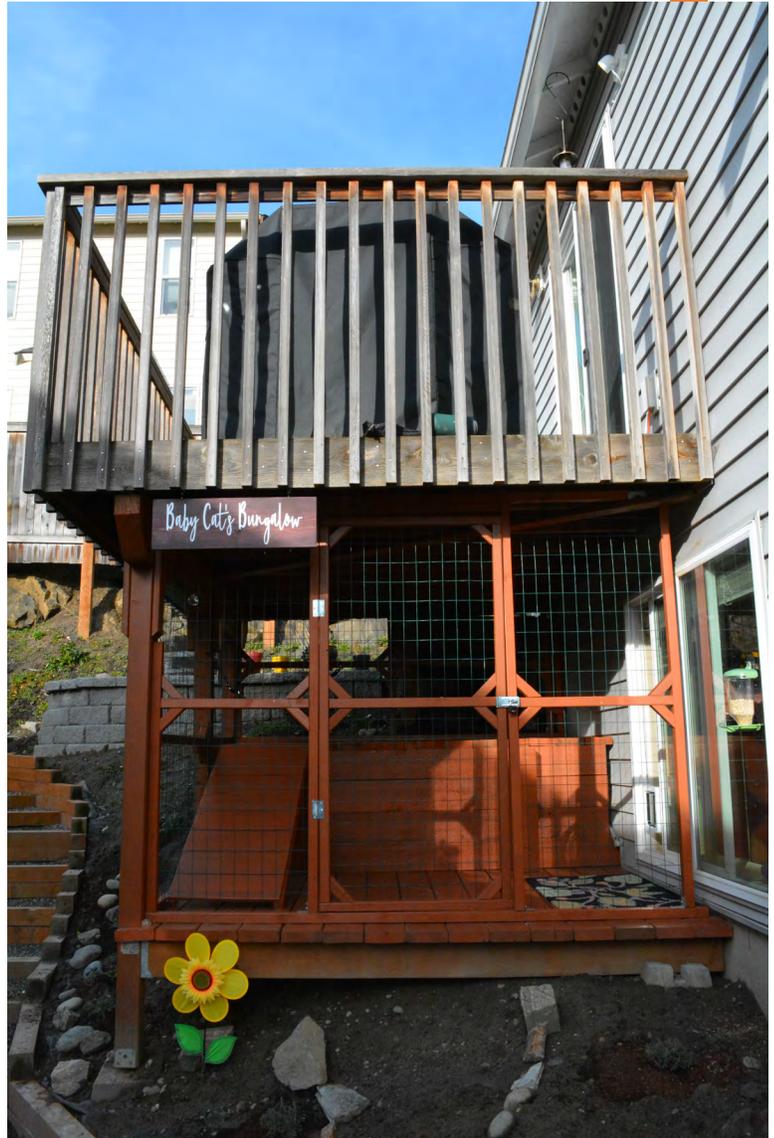
We went on the 2017 Catio Tour Seattle and were inspired to build one for our cat, Baby Cat. Baby Cat and her mom are originally from Florida where screened in patios are more common. Baby Cat missed the outside time, so her loving dad, Jordan, built her her very own catio!

Features:

The catio is built under an existing deck and connects to a window with a cat flap. Since the side yard is sloped, the homeowners built a small retaining wall from lumber and created a two level catio with deck boards (hence, it's a Bungalow!) The frame and floor are all pressure treated lumber. There is also a ramp and a cat hammock. It's a true four star cat lodging experience.

Quick Facts:

- **Year Built:** 2019
- **Built by:** Homeowner
- **Dimensions:** 6' x 5' x 5'
- **Overall Cost:** \$1,000
- **Type of Catio:** Attached to house
- **Cat Accessibility:** Cat door



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Three Musketeers' Manor

From the Host:

We built our catio back in 2017. We had one very energetic kitty that had become an escape artist. This solution gave her the opportunity to be outdoors, and remain safe. Our other cats have also taken to it. They spend a lot of their time out in the catio, often choosing to nap out there.

Features:

The catio has three main sections: A window box called Feline's Forest, (which is the entrance to the catio), a tunnel called Lola's Run that connects from the window box and runs the width of the house to the back yard and connects to the third section: the catio enclosure. The catio enclosure has several platforms and ledges for them to explore. There is an entrance (a door) for people from the backyard. This enclosure is next to the deck on the back of the house. The window box and catio have a Plexiglas type roof, the run tunnel does not. The area(s) have shade and sun options.

Quick Facts:

- **Year Built:** 2017
- **Built by:** Catio Spaces
- **Dimensions:**
 - Catio: 6' x 8' x 8'
 - Window Box 11' x 28' x 22'
- **Overall Cost:** : \$9,690
- **Type of Catio:**
 - Freestanding, attached to house by tunnel
- **Cat Accessibility:** Cat door

