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# ActivityMat

- challenge your dog



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ActivityMat

## The story behind BUSTER ActivityMat

Danish dog owner Marianne Haller Vesterholt has always used interactive activity toys to play and interact with her miniature schnauzer Ludvig.

Marianne soon discovered that the activity toys available where not challenging and varying enough for Ludvig and decided to create her own interactive play centre for him.

The BUSTER ActivityMat, developed by Marianne, is an activity mat designed to allow a wide range of possibilities and varying tasks with different levels of difficulty. The activity mat is recommended by dog psychologist Anders Hallgren.



“*Thanks to its simplicity, which makes the activity mat easy and fast for the dog owner to prepare, and the high content of various problems for the dog to solve, The BUSTER Activity Mat is something that all dog owners realize the benefits and pleasures of*”



Anders Hallgren, dog psychologist  
and animal behaviorist



*“Everyone needs mental challenges - including your dog!”*

Have fun together with your dog and stimulate your dog mentally  
Give your dog more content in everyday life with the  
BUSTER ActivityMat

With the BUSTER ActivityMat you can give your dog new challenges over and over again  
and vary the level of difficulty.

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*Give your dog more stimulation in everyday life!*”





“*The design allows for a wide range of possibilities*”

The basic BUSTER ActivityMat has 35 press studs placed 10cm apart. You can attach different tasks to the mat, most of them with varying levels of difficulty depending on whether you fold the tasks or leave them open.

All the tasks are individually marked with 3 levels.

- easy level: 1
- medium level: 2
- advanced level: 3



The mat fits a different range of tasks, depending on the size of the individual task. This gives you the opportunity to have more tasks for your dog.

It is easy to take the BUSTER ActivityMat with you. Simply collect all the parts in the practical bag - and you are good to go!

It is important that your dog always succeeds in the tasks. Do not yell at your dog or show any other kind of negative reactions. Be positive and praise the dog when it is working well with the tasks. Note that it is the process of solving the task that is meant to be the challenge for the dog. It is not important whether or not the dog can solve the task right away.

## Good to know

- The dog must be supervised when working with the ActivityMat
- The ActivityMat must be placed so that the dog can get to it from all sides
- Dogs are different. Some dogs choose to use their paws a lot, others use their snout. Accept the way your dog chooses to solve the tasks
- Only allow one dog at the time to work with the activity
- It is important that the dog is experiencing success when working with the ActivityMat. Therefore, start with a single task and let this be “open”. Give the dog the help it needs, without taking the initiative from it
- If the dog does not know what to do, it is a good idea to give it a treat just for touching the ActivityMat
- Choose the right time to work with the ActivityMat. If the dog is too eager, it might be a good idea to let it eat first. However, if it is less interested, it may be an advantage that it is hungry when it is presented to the ActivityMat.

“*Choose what feels right for your dog*”



## Useful tips

- Use a start command when the dog is about to work with the ActivityMat
- Let, at first, the dog see that you put treats in the activities
- Avoid over-stimulation, work max. 15 minutes at a time, but preferably several times a day
- Always finish the work with the activity mat while the dog is successful

The starter set contains a carrier bag with a basic mat and 3 activities:

- envelope
- water lilly
- cone cloth

Cat. No 274337

Please note that it is essential to use the basic BUSTER ActivityMat with the individual tasks.

For further information, see [www.kruuse.com](http://www.kruuse.com)

### *Important:*

*Never leave your dog unattended with the activity toy.*

*Do not let the dog chew or bite the activity toy.*

*Always supervise your dog. Store the activity mat in the enclosed carrier bag (comes with the starter set) and put it away when not in use.*

*The activity mat is made for dogs, it is not a toy for children.*

*Washing instructions: Clean with a damp cloth*

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Complementary activities can be bought separately.





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It might take time and maybe the dog has to try many times!

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*There are no stupid dogs, only impatient dog owners*

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## Overview of the different tasks

The starter set is delivered with 3 tasks. additional activities can be bought separately:



Envelope 274338



Water Lilly 274339



Cone Cloth 274340



Top Hat 274341



Springroll 274342



Purse 274343



3-pocket Purse 274344



Rat Trap 274345



Rock'n Roll 274346



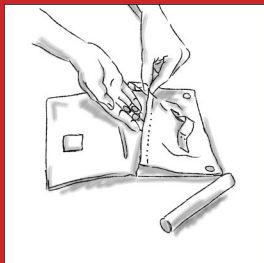
Mouse Trap 274347



Book 274348



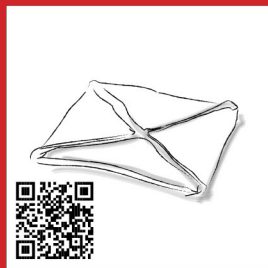
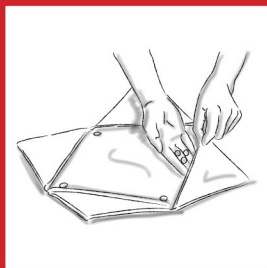
Rainbow Purse 274349



### Envelope

This task consists of a square envelope which is closed with the stick. The task is attached to the BUSTER ActivityMat by means of the 4 press studs. The dog must then remove the stick in order to solve the task and find a treat.

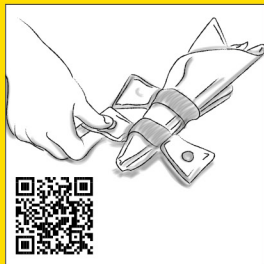
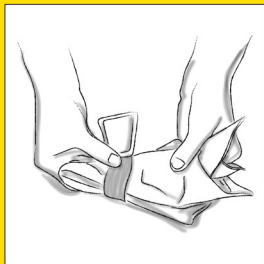
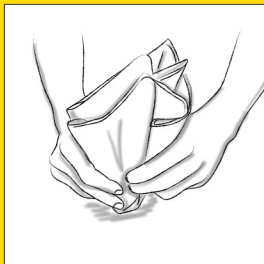
- The task is attached to the mat, opened and without the stick
- The task is attached to the mat, closed and without the stick
- The task is attached to the mat, closed and with the stick



### Water Lilly

Square task with pockets for treats. Each corner is folded towards the centre and closed with Velcro. The task is attached to the mat with 4 press studs.

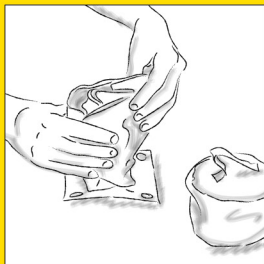
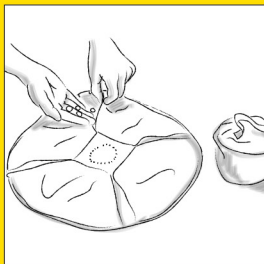
- The task is attached to the mat without being folded
- The task is attached to the mat with the pockets folded towards the centre but without closing them with the Velcro
- The task is attached to the mat with all pockets folded towards the centre and closed with the Velcro



### Cone Cloth

This task consists of a fabric cloth which can be attached to the BUSTER ActivityMat mat using the elastic band with a press stud at each end.

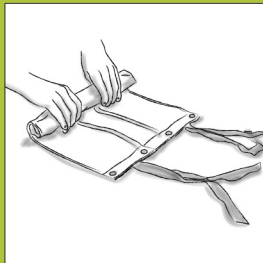
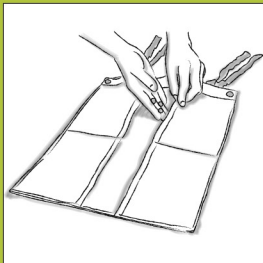
- The task is placed on the mat (unfolded), with a treat hidden underneath
- The task is folded like a napkin with a treat inside and attached to the mat with the enclosed elastic band
- The task is folded like a napkin with a treat inside, closed with the enclosed elastic band and attached to the mat with another elastic band



### Top Hat

Circular task with 8 pockets. The task is folded towards the centre with the sides held together by the cap.

- The task is attached to the mat with 4 press studs on the bottom square
- The task is attached to the mat without being folded
- The task is attached to the mat, folded and with the sides held together by the cap

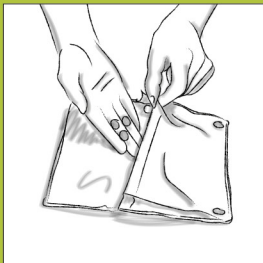


### Spring Roll

Oblong task with 4 lengthwise pockets for treats

The task is rolled up, tied with sewn-on ties and attached to the mat by means of four aligned press studs

- The task is attached to the mat unfolded, making all pockets accessible
- The task is rolled up, without being tied
- The task is rolled up and the ties are tied

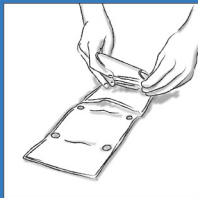
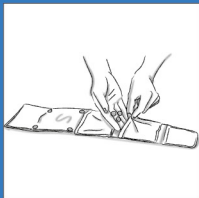


### Purse

Square purse with a press stud in each corner. The purse is closed by Velcro

- The task is attached to the mat and left open
- The task is attached and closed with Velcro

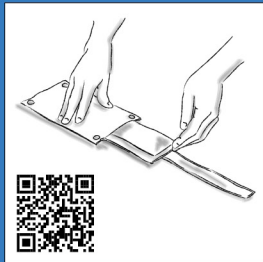
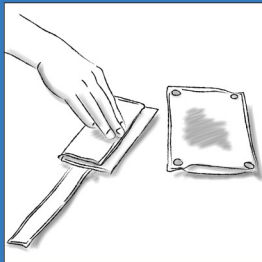
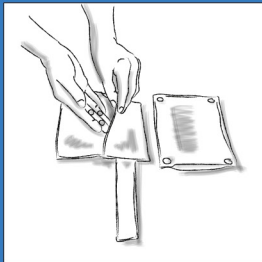




### 3-Pocket Purse

Oblong task attached to the mat with 4 press studs in the top square

- The task is attached to the mat without being folded
- The task is folded and then attached to the mat
- The task is folded with the smallest pocket inserted into the largest and then closed with the Velcro



### Rat Trap

This is a 2-in-1 task consisting of an oblong bag which is attached to the mat by means of a press stud in each corner. Within this bag is a smaller bag.

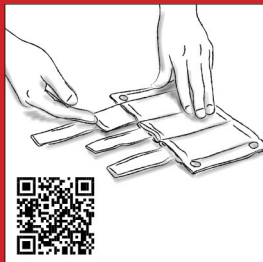
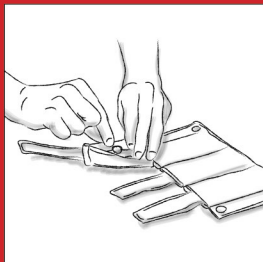
- The smaller bag is closed with the Velcro. The smaller bag also has a 'tail' which allows the dog to pull it from the outer bag.
- The 'tail bag' is loosely placed on the mat.
- The 'tail bag' is placed in the bigger bag, with the "tail" sticking out. You can choose either to let the dog open the small bag or make the dog give it to you and then give the dog a treat.



### Rock'n'Roll

Oblong task with 6 lengthwise pockets for treats. The task is attached to the mat with the enclosed elastic band

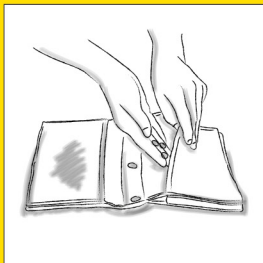
- The task is placed open on the mat
- The task is rolled up and attached to the mat with the enclosed elastic band
- The task is rolled up, 'locked' with the enclosed small elastic bands and attached to the mat



### Mouse Trap

Task with 3 pockets. The smaller pockets with a 'tail' can be inserted into the bigger pockets from both ends

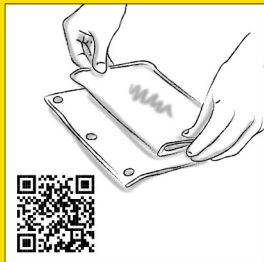
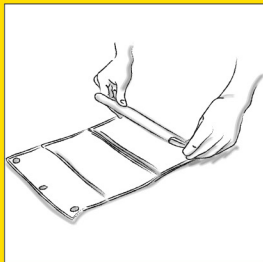
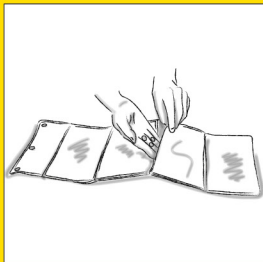
- The task is attached to the mat with 4 press studs
- The task is attached to the mat with one small pocket inserted into the bigger pockets from one side
- The task is attached to the mat with several small pockets inserted into the bigger pockets from one or more sides



### Book

The task is sewn to resemble a book, with pockets on each 'page'

- The task is attached to the mat by means of 3 press studs on the back of the 'book'
- The task is attached with a treat in only one of the pockets
- The task is attached with an increasing number of pockets containing treats



### Rainbow Purse

Oblong task with 4 pockets for treats across. The task is folded, 'locked' with Velcro and attached to the mat with 3 aligned press studs. The dog must unfold the task entirely in order to find a treat

- The task is attached to the mat without being folded, with a treat in only one of the pockets
- The task is attached, without being folded, but with treats in more than one pocket
- The task is attached to the mat, folded

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