

Cage Accessory Guide for Small Pets

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fill his home with fun

Small pets crave activity. In fact, the overall health of these curious and intelligent animals depends on the exercise and mental stimulation they receive each day.

However, simply loading your pet's [cage](#) or [habitat](#) with accessories and toys does little to satisfy his playful disposition. Your chinchilla, guinea pig, rat, sugar glider, rabbit, hedgehog, hamster, gerbil, or mouse may quickly bore if playthings are not carefully chosen and diligently rearranged. With a little planning, however, you can easily keep your small pet interested in his home, [toys](#), and [accessories](#) or [habitat add-ons](#).

Tips for choosing suitable small pet toys and cage accessories

It isn't always easy to offer toys and accessories that your small pet enjoys. Toys you think are great may garner barely a sniff from your small pet. Too often, pet owners choose a product based on their own likes and dislikes, as opposed to what their pet prefers or needs. Simply observe your pet's interactions with his toys and accessories and choose based on the following guidelines:

- **Pique your small pet's personality** - Each pet is individual and unique. Some enjoy climbing, others like to [nap](#), still others love to [run](#). At least one toy or accessory suited to your pet's personality should be available at all times.
- **Indulge your small pet's instincts** - Instincts drive many, if not all, of your furry friend's behaviors. To satisfy them, always keep [chew](#), forage, and hiding toys available. Tunnels, [shred toys](#), shelves, [beds](#), and [suspended hammocks](#) all cater to individual instincts, such as the need to tunnel or hide high in the cage top.
- **Choose a variety of toys and accessories** - Even if your pet seems to prefer one activity or toy over another, no single style of toy or accessory should dominate his toy chest. Simply supplement a wide variety of your pet's favorite types of [toys](#) with a smattering of other [accessories](#) that cater to his instincts. In fact, try some suitable-sized [bird toys](#) in addition to those made specifically for small pets.



Simple ways to vary your small pet's environment

Keeping your small pet interested in his environment is no small task. Our curious furry friends can quickly tire of even the most carefully chosen toy or accessory. However, there are simple ways to keep your small pet active and engaged:

- **Moderate toy amounts** - Don't overfill your small pet's cage or habitat. Though the initial plethora of objects to explore may excite some pets, the sensory overload it creates can be unhealthy. It is much better to choose and strategically place a few toys at a time than it is to fill every nook and cranny. This allows your pet to enjoy each [toy](#) or [accessory](#) to its full potential without the added stress of feeling crowded.
- **Rotate toy selections** - Rotate individual chew, shred, hide, [forage](#), and climb toys amongst each other a few times a month. This helps keep each toy familiar to your pet without allowing him to completely lose interest or wear them out.



We Recommend



[Chewbular Play Tube](#)

Your small animal can charge-through in play or chew-through to help wear and clean her teeth.



[Silent Spinner](#) can either be hung from your pet's cage side or stood on the included heavy-gauge wire stand.



[Fuzz-E-Floor](#)

Line the floor, or clip to the corners at the top of the cage.

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