

Let's Learn at Home

Fun things to
do this week



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Children under 3 years old



What do we need?

Endless fun with recyclable materials

- Straws
- Lollipop sticks
- Uncooked spaghetti
- Twigs
- Milk bottle tops
- Different sized boxes
- Plastic bottles of different sizes
- Cardboard tubes
- Hair rollers
- Keys
- Egg boxes

What do we do?

- Provide a variety of recyclable resources
- Allow the child to explore the materials
- Share the experience with your child
- Help sort out the objects
- Sit back and observe how the child is playing with the resources
- Intervene if a child is struggling to post certain objects into containers
- Give your child plenty of time to play with the objects and see how they use them in different ways
- Enhance with more recyclable materials
- Have fun

What are we learning?

- Fine motor skills
- Making choices
- Hand eye coordination
- Problem solving
- Categorising
- Mathematical development (quantities)
- Creativity

Children 3 to 5 years old



What do we need?

- Cereal boxes
- Tissue boxes
- Cardboard tubes
- Egg boxes or trays
- Milk cartons
- Packaging
- Yoghurt pots
- Metal tins
- Meat trays
- Tin foil containers
- Cones
- Tooth paste boxes

What do we do?

- Provide a wide range of recycled objects
- Allow your child time to explore the boxes in the first instance
- Let your child choose what they would like to do with them
- Talk to your child and listen to what they are saying
- Help your child to put their own ideas into practice
- Add some figures or vehicles to create more interest
- Add some paint or collage materials

What are we learning?

- How to work together
- Solving problems
- Fitting things together
- Using mathematical language
- Being creative
- Being imaginative



What do we need?

Outdoors

- Milk crates
- Planks
- Bread crates
- Cardboard boxes
- Long cardboard tubes or carpet rolls
- Old pieces of guttering
- Buckets
- Old wheels
- Cable reels

What do we do?

- Use whatever items you have available at home or in the garden
- Let your child explore the resources and see what they would like to do with them
- Allow your child to use their imagination
- Respond and encourage your child
- Only intervene when necessary
- Add dressing up clothes or fabric for child to act out their roles



What are we learning?

- Being imaginative
- Being creative
- Working together
- Communication skills
- Extending vocabulary
- Solving problems
- Being inventors

