

Playing and Toddler's Den building

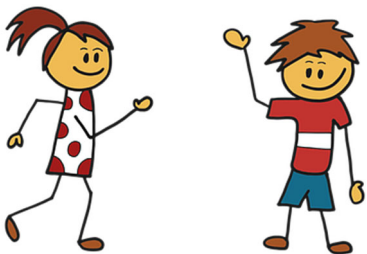
Birth to five Matters: Physical development: Fine and gross motor control must develop together in an integrated way, so that the child can achieve what they set out to do. We must ensure that children have movement-rich lives indoors and outdoors from birth.

You and your child:

From about 18 months children can play by themselves for approximately 15– 20 minutes.

Construction play can provide opportunities for their physical development, enhancing motor skills.

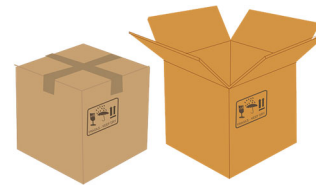
Den building can be a good activity to do during a rainy day.



Den building:

You will need:

- A range of different size boxes
- Chunky wax crayons for decorating
- Old wall paper to decorate
- Blankets and cushions to put inside the den
- PVA Glue



You could add:

- A torch
- Teddies
- Dolls
- Dinosaurs
- Story books



Den building provides a range of opportunities for children from problem solving, interaction, taking turns, creative play and a new adventure, role play and gets your child to use their imagination.

Building a den can create a safe space for your child, and transform their environment.

