

Emotional developmen



Create a Cubby



5 - 10 mins



2-3 years

Experience

Preparation: Using the large cardboard box invite your child to help create a cubby house. Use the sheets, blankets and cushions to create a safe, cosy play space big enough for two to three visitors. Think about creating a 'doorway and windows' using the sheets and blankets. Invite family members in for a tea party, a picnic with cuddly toys, to read a book, sing songs or just for a chat.

Variation: If no box available, create a cubby under a table, at the end of a bed, under a bunk bed, between chairs.

Creating a cubby outdoors may result in extended play and hideaway areas for children to re-visit and engage in play on a daily basis.

Learning benefits

- Cooperation and partnership with others
- Promotes social interaction and connection
- Chance to interact in positive ways and manage feelings
- Feeling of belonging to a special space

Materials

Large cardboard box

Sheets, blankets, towels, cushions

Favourite cuddly toys

Hints and Tips

Create indoors or outdoors

Decorate the cardboard box first