



# Build a Fort

## Experience

**Preparation:** Using ideas from pictures invite your child to design a fort to build. Work with your child to extend ideas, design and solve challenges to create a successful fort structure. Decorate the fort as desired. Invite family members to contribute by sharing ideas and strategies to make the structure a success.

**Variation:** Create a fort outside to provide the chance to revisit and continue to develop the fort structure. Try tying long sturdy sticks together to create a teepee. Use low branches and bushes to drape sheets and blankets over for a trial fort.

## Learning benefits

- Sharing, taking turns, collaborating and developing independence
- Engage in conversations with others to develop problem solving skills and creative thinking to plan and negotiate
- Physical exercise and stress release building a personal space



30 - 45 mins



5 - 12 years

## Materials

Large sticks  
Tent poles  
Plastic pipes  
Rope  
Sheets  
Blankets  
Pillows  
Pictures for inspiration  
Drawing tools

## Hints and Tips

Outdoors

Get involved and encourage team work