

Make Your Own Tent

Age: Toddlers (18-36 months), Explorer (8 - 18 months)

This activity helps your child's development in this domain: Social-Emotional, Physical, Cognitive

What You Need:



Large cloth (e.g., bedsheet or tablecloth)

Chairs (at least 4)

Comfy accessories (e.g., pillows, stuffed animals, blankets)

Heavy items to anchor sheet (e.g., books, canned food)

What To Do:

1. In a large space, place the chairs in a rectangle, turning the chairs so that their backs are facing one another. Leave space in between the chairs so that your child can sit or lie comfortably.
2. Together, drape the cloth over the chairs. Be sure that the cloth is draped far enough over the chairs backs so that some of the cloth remains on the chair seats.
3. Weigh down the sides of the cloth by putting the books or cans on the seats of the chairs.
4. Make the floor of the tent comfortable with soft accessories. Ask him to bring in his favorite stuffed animals, blankets, and books. You and your child can use the tent to pretend that you are camping or as a quiet space where you can read together.



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