

Den building

All that's required is household items or things found in your garden and lots of imagination! Dens can be any shape or size and based outdoors in your garden, for example using just a blanket and a tree, or indoors using items such as cushions, chairs, tables and boxes.

If you don't have a lot of space mini dens could be created for favourite toys! The best dens, and those which are the most fun, are built and designed by children!

Den building offers many benefits such as respect for and understanding of the natural environment and can help children develop many skills such as problem solving, reasoning, communication, planning and motor skills.

Mastery play - Control of the physical and affective ingredients of the environments, like digging holes or constructing shelters. This play activity can also incorporate many of the other play types.

