

1+ Building with Containers



What You Need:

- Plastic containers, bowls, and cups
- Any other items that are plastic that you can build with

Directions:

1. Gather all the plastic bowls, containers, cups and any other plastic items that you have.
2. Encourage your little one to start stacking the items.

Talking Points:

Remember to talk to your little one as you are building. Talk to them about what you are making, what the containers look like (i.e. are they clear, white, have different coloured lids, etc.), what the containers feel like, what the containers sound like when they fall, and what your little one thinks of the experience.

Encourage your little one to try building the following:

1. Build a tower. See if your little one will help build the tower or will just want to knock it down!
2. Build horizontally instead of vertically.
3. Create a castle or a fort that your little one can sit in.
4. Build a house on a table or chair.
5. Build a bridge.
6. Let your little one create whatever they want.

Books:

- 📖 [Rex Wrecks It](#) by Ben Clanton from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)
- 📖 [Baby Builders](#) by Elissa Haden Guest from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)
- 📖 [Goodnight, Goodnight, Constructions Site](#) Sherri Duskey Rinker from [Kanopy Kids](#)



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Fort Building



What You Need:

- Blankets, sheets, quilts, etc.
- Pillows
- Chairs
- Tables, couch, or a bed
- Clothespins and string (optional)

Directions:

1. Gather the supplies (blankets, pillows, chairs, tables, etc.)
2. Show your little one the space in which the fort can be built.
3. Start building!
4. Once the fort is built, have your little one grab all their favourite books and then cuddle inside together to read them.



Talking Points:

Building a fort together is great for your little one's imagination play development. Ask them questions about how they want to build their fort and which blankets to use.

Books:

- 📖 [Fort-building Time](#) by Megan Wagner Lloyd from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)
- 📖 [Jasper & Ollie Build a Fort](#) by Alex Willan from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)

Box Car



What You Need:

- Large Cardboard Box
- Scissors
- Glue
- Paintbrushes
- Tape
- Bowls
- Paint (black, yellow, red, and two more colours)

Directions:

1. Find a large cardboard box and cut the four flaps off.
2. Using the four cardboard flaps cut out four small circles (which will be the headlights and break lights), four large circles (for the wheels), one medium circle (for the steering wheel) one large rectangle (to hold the steering wheel in place), and four long skinny rectangles (for the grill on the front of the car).
3. Have your little one paint the large cardboard box one colour, the four large circles (wheels) black, the four long skinny rectangles any colour they choose, two small circles (headlights) yellow, the two remaining small circles (break lights) red, and the one medium circle black. Let the pieces dry for a few hours.
4. Have your little one glue the four large circles (wheels) onto the car (2 on each side), the four skinny rectangles (grill) and two of the yellow circles (headlights) onto the front of the car, and the two red circles (break lights) onto the back of the car.
5. Fold the two ends of the large rectangle. Tape the medium black circle (steering wheel) to one end, and on the other end tape it to the inside of the box (at the front of the car).
6. Let dry overnight. Once dry, your little one can race around the house!



Talking Points:

Talk to your little one about all the colours that they paint the car. Explain to them the function of each part (for example, the wheels help the car move smoothly, the steering wheel allows the car to move side to side, and the headlights help the driver see when it is dark). Once your little one is in the car, encourage them to make car noises, and if you are able, push them around in it.

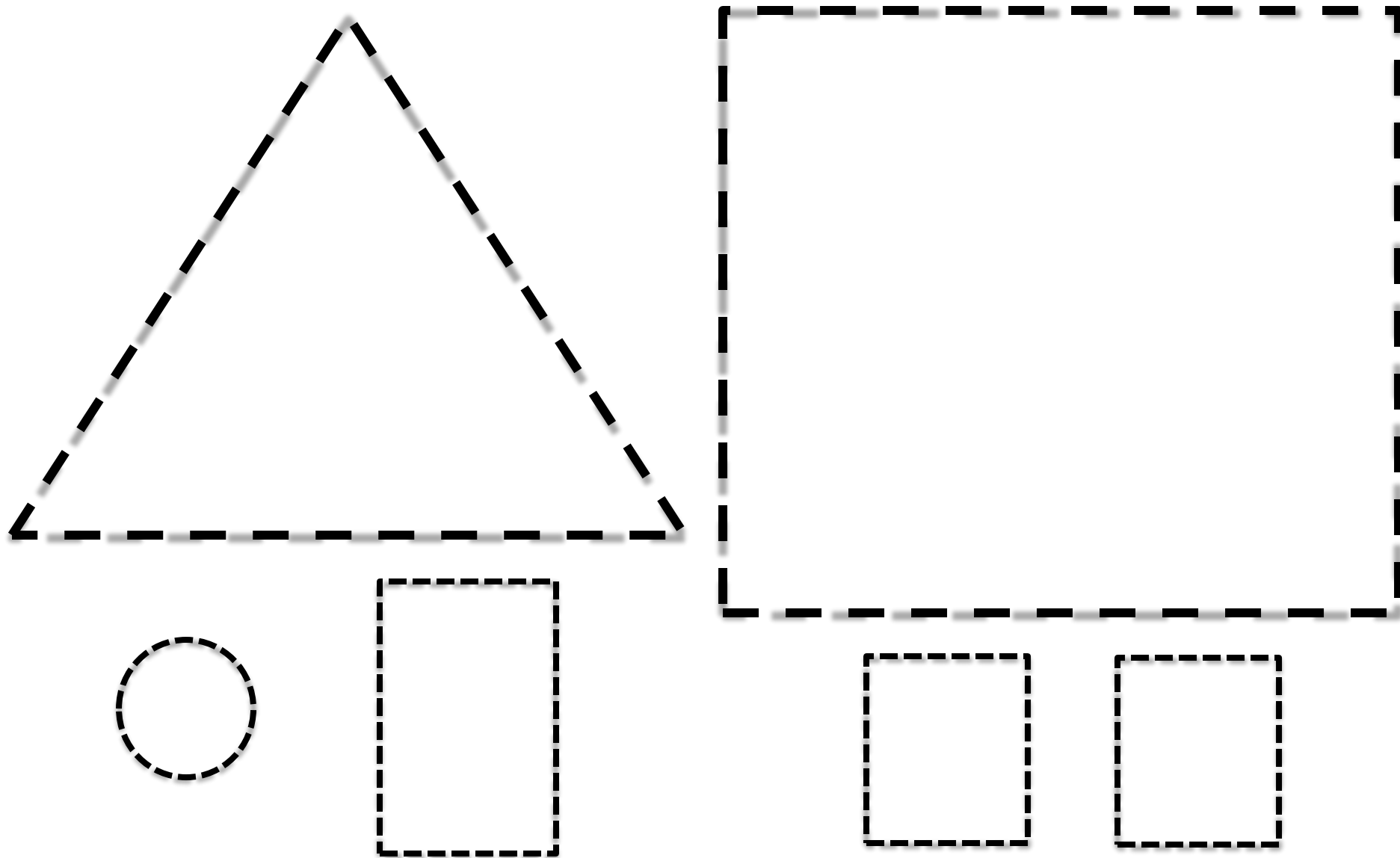
Books:

- 📖 [Not A Box](#) by Antoinette Portis from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)

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Build a House

1. Print the sheet out 2. Colour in the shapes 3. Cut the shapes out 4. On another page glue together to make a house.



Songs



London Bridge

London Bridge is falling down,
Falling down, falling down.
London Bridge is falling down,
My fair lady.

Build it up with iron and steel,
Iron and steel, iron and steel.
Build it up with iron and steel,
My fair lady.

Johnny's Hammer

You can substitute Johnny with your child's name

Johnny works with 1 hammer, 1 hammer, 1 hammer,
Johnny works with 1 hammer, then he works with 2.
(Hammer one fist lightly on leg)

Johnny works with 2 hammers...
(Hammer both fists on legs)

Johnny works with 3 hammers...
(Hammer both fists on legs and one foot on the floor)

Johnny works with 4 hammers...
(Hammer both fists on legs and both feet on the floor)

Johnny works with 5 hammers, 5 hammers, 5 hammers,
Johnny works with 5 hammers, then (s)he goes to sleep.
*(Hammer both fists on legs, both feet on floor, and nod head down and up.
Then rest your head on joined palms and pretend to go to sleep)*

