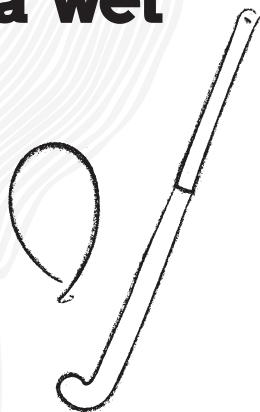


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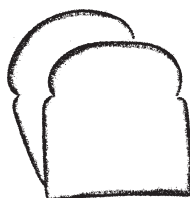
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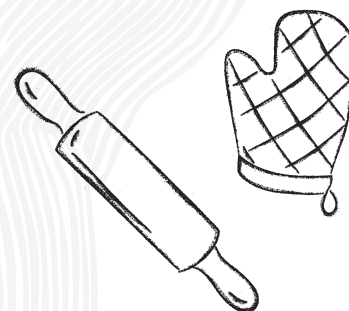
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## Making huts

**You'll need:** Blankets, chairs, couches, cushions, boxes and sheets

1. Find a space indoors safe and roomy enough to make a hut, like between two couches or chairs.
2. Spread a sheet as the ceiling, and put a blanket on the floor.
3. Decorate with boxes or cushions and toys and chill out or play an imaginary game.

## Torch fun

**You'll need:** One torch, or two for extra fun

1. Wait for it to become dark and pull the curtains.
2. Play with shadows using objects in front of the torch to help tamariki find out how light works.
3. Wiggle fingers and shape hands into shadows.

**Extra:** Use coloured cellophane taped over the torch to add more fun, by making colours appear on the wall.

## Indoor play for a wet day

**You'll need:** Household items like balloons or empty plastic bottles

1. Make a paper ball out of scrunched up newspaper and a bit of tape.
2. Play balloon hockey down the hallway and use soft cardboard/or taped-up newspaper bats.
3. Set up some skittles made up of empty plastic bottles or boxes and use the ball and bats to play a game.

## Baking

**You'll need:** A recipe, ingredients, and equipment

1. Choose a simple recipe, gather ingredients and tell your child what each one is as you lay them out in the kitchen.
2. Follow the method and get your child to help! Help them add ingredients, measure and stir the mixture.
3. If your oven has a window and a light, show them what is happening as your treats bake!

## Make some tasty tiny toasties

**You'll need:** A muffin tin, 12 slices of wholemeal bread (crusts removed), your favourite fillings and some grated cheese.

1. Preheat your oven to 180°C, grease your tin and press in your bread slices.
2. Evenly spoon in your favourite fillings:
  - **Spag-tom nom nom:** Mix a chopped tomato and a can of spaghetti.
  - **Eggy-licious:** Beat 2 eggs with 1/2 a cup of milk, then add cooked veggies and maybe some ham.
  - **Mince or beans:** What a yummy way to use your leftovers!
3. Top with grated cheese then bake for 15 minutes.

**Tip:** Cool for a few minutes before serving.

## Fun with milk bottle tops

**You'll need:** Lots of milk bottle tops, an ice-cream container, a bowl and tongs or a little picture/photo

1. **Little ones** – play posty.  
Cut a hole in an ice-cream lid then “post” your milk bottle tops through it. The smaller the space the harder it will be!
2. **Kindy kids** – play nip-nip crabs.  
Put your milk bottle tops in a bowl then use kitchen tongs to “nip” them out one by one. Time yourself!
3. **Big kids** – make a game piece.  
Use a milk bottle top to draw a circle on a picture or photo. Cut it out and glue it into your bottle top. Yay – no more forgetting which piece is yours!

## Doing things together at home

**You'll need:** to bring tamariki on an errand with you!

1. Ask your child to pass pegs to you when you hang up the washing, or match socks together when they are dry.
2. Put away toys together. ‘I’ll pick up the blue things and put them away. What colour would you like to pick up? Then you can choose a story for us.’
3. Help set the table for the family meal or cook or bake together.
4. Help with sweeping – with their own small broom or a brush and shovel.

## Sock puppet

**You'll need:** A sock and craft bits and pieces if you have them.

You could use:

1. Use felt tips to draw eyes, a nose and a mouth on light coloured socks. Stitch them on if socks are dark ones.
2. Wool can be glued on or stitched in for hair and/or whiskers.
3. Scraps of fabric can be wrapped around as scarves, cloaks and skirts for the puppets.
4. Use the puppets to act out family activities (shopping, visiting and going to the park) and/or stories you have shared.

## Treasure box

**You'll need:** an empty container like a shoe box, craft bits and pieces

1. Start a collection of treasures for their baby and keep it in a treasure box.
2. Create something beautiful and meaningful that can be shared with baby when they’re older.
3. Think about what they want to give baby and what they wish for baby.