

# Box-Town Craft



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Preschoolers  
2.5 - 4 years

The box is always better than the toy inside and this activity proves it! Not only does this activity allow for creativity, but calls on focus, fine motor, attention and regulation of behaviour. The town can also be expanded or redesigned to keep your children exploring day after day!

## Learning Outcomes

### Domain:

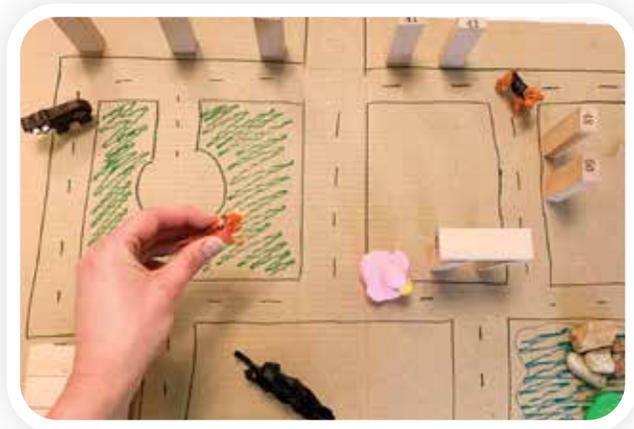
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### Skills:

Representation

### Indicator:

Using a variety of materials to build with and express their ideas.



## Materials

- Large box (or several smaller ones)
- Toy cars
- Toy animals
- Toy houses (or blocks)
- Black Marker
- Scissors

**Step 1:** Flatten the box by using scissors to cut any tape and unfolding it completely.

**Step 2:** Place the box in an open area like a living room floor.

**Step 3:** Draw a road over the box with a black marker.

**Step 4:** Place several toy houses (or blocks if you don't have any) throughout the "town."

**Step 5:** Put a few toy cars and animals down.

**Step 6:** Invite your kiddos to play and explore!



## Instructions

**Have the children design their own towns!** Extend this activity by involving the children in steps 2-5. Once they start showing signs of being bored, you can encourage them to add more items, roads or boxes.

**How do I adapt this exercise for younger kiddos?** Younger children will probably knock a lot over as they explore so use fewer items that are safe for their age.

**It's up to you how creative you want this activity to be!** With older kiddos, encourage them to draw and cut out their own paper creations such as trees, family members, buildings or animals.

## Playful Questions

- What can we add to make our town more colorful?
- Should we switch where some things in our town are placed?
- What building should we add next?
- Where is our house?
- What should we name our town?