

Junk Modelling

Role of Adult:

To talk about what your child is doing and support their thinking, i.e. "I wonder what you are going to use to fix that piece to that piece?"

Your child is learning to...

- Use their imagination
- Develop a 'have a go' attitude
- Use their knowledge to join things together
- Explore the properties of materials, shapes, space and size

At home you could...

- Collect old cardboard boxes, tubes and bottles etc. and let your child construct using them. Sticky tape, glue and string are easy to come by and help your child's fine motor skills as well as problem solving skills.
- Letting your child work out what works best without fear of failure is an ideal way of embedding learning. Of course, assist them if they show signs of frustration or of giving up, but don't take over. Remember a little help goes a long way.

Top tip

- Take a photo of the creation at the end and perhaps build an album of their work. This will increase their ICT skills too and will not cause so many problems when the time comes for the artwork to find its way into the recycling bin, as they will have a record of their work in photo form.

