

Creating a Learning Space for your children

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Design, Create, and Build

Design:

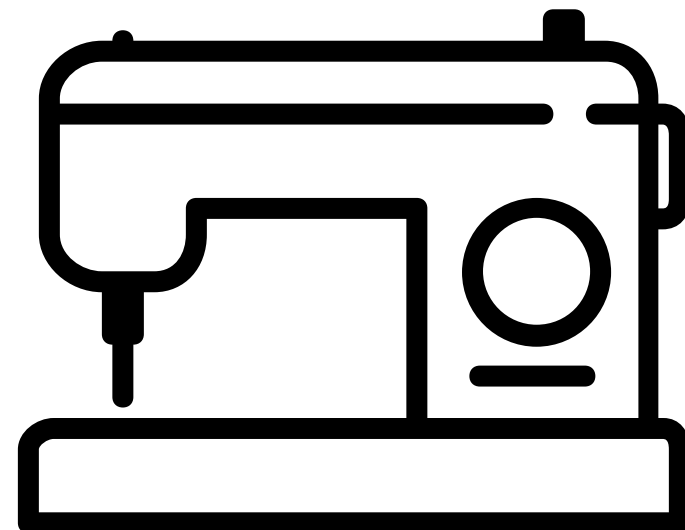
Clothing/shoes/fashion
Your own board game
Puppet Theatre
A garden
A house
A new toy
A useful invention
A scavenger/treasure hunt

Make something with:

Wood scraps and tools
Paper (decoupage, origami, stamping, collage)
Fiber (sewing, weaving, knitting, crochet, friendship bracelets)
Recycle bin materials
Craft box supplies: Buttons, beads, pipe cleaners, google eyes, etc.

In the Kitchen:

Cook dinner
Prepare a healthy snack
Bake a treat to share



Paint:

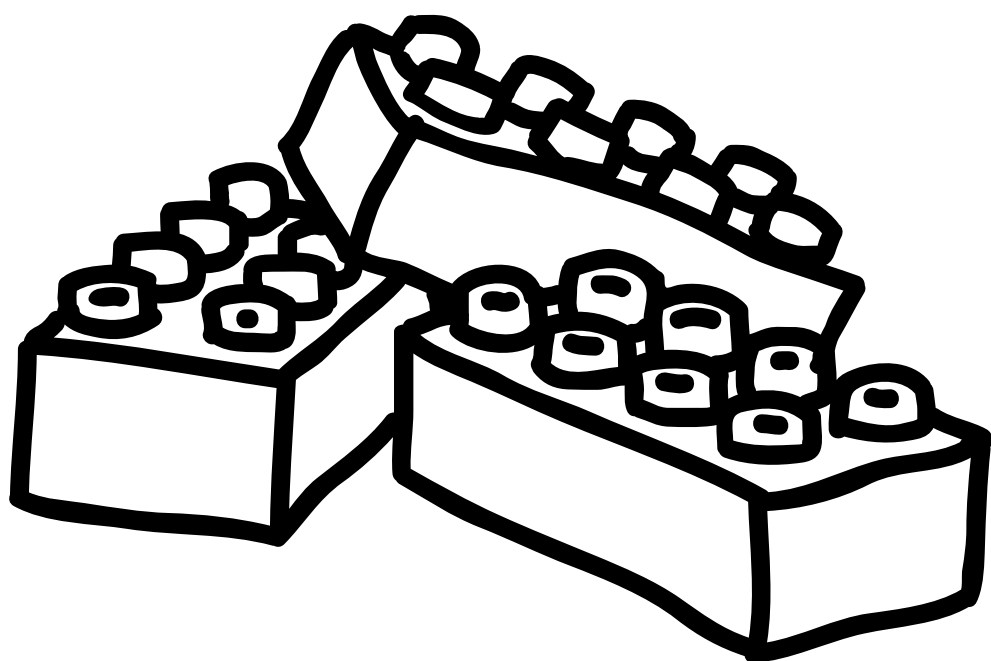
Watercolor, Acrylic
White crayon resist (secret messages)
Black crayon scratch-away
Marble painting
Finger painting
Fingerprint art
Cotton bud (Pointilism) painting
On cardboard, cereal box, pizza box, etc.
Mural

Draw:

Coloring books
"How to draw" books
White board
Spirograph
Charcoal, oil and soft pastels
Storyboard for movie/skit/stop motion
Chalk outside

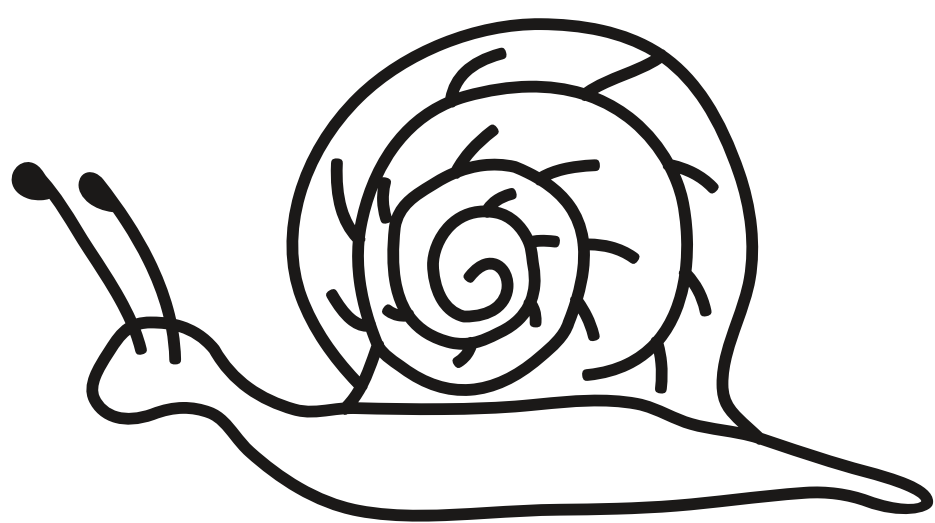
Build:

Legos
Blocks
Magna-tiles
Cardboard and other recycle bin materials
Tinker box
Marble run
Circuits
Puzzles
Dough/playdough/clay



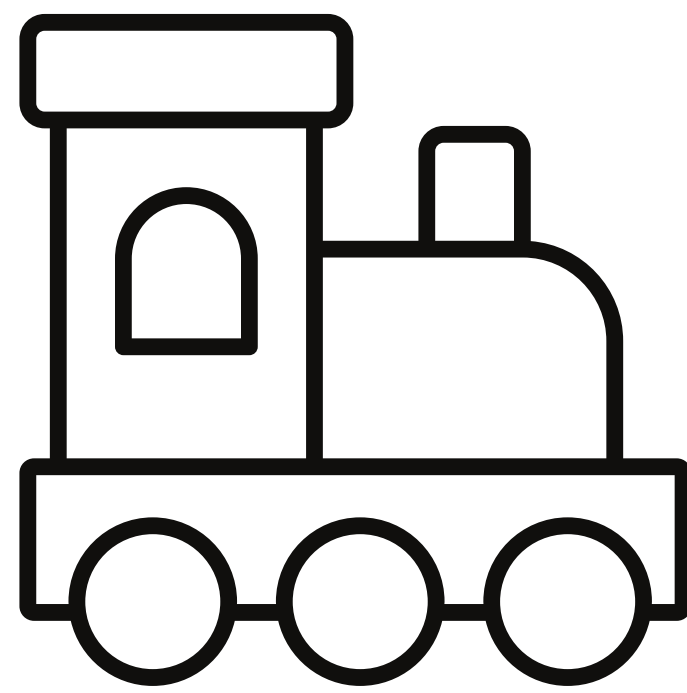
Imagine

Make a doll (wood, pipe cleaners, fabric, etc.)
Puppet Show
Commercial/Ad
Play house, restaurant, kitchen, business, etc.
Tea Party
Perform a book
Dress-up: scarves, dress-up clothes, mom & dad's closet?
Story cubes, discs
Mud kitchen
Cars, trains
Face paint/make-up



Play

Board Games
Card Games
Magic Tricks
Darts/Archery
Juggle- scarves, bean bags, balls, clubs
Create a scavenger hunt
Trick shots (Dude Perfect)
Puzzles
Sudoku
White board games
Cars, trains
Hula hoops
Walkie Talkies



Discover & Explore

Leaf Rubbings
Snail racing
Frog catching
Butterfly catching
Animal tracks hunting
Nature journaling/watercolor
Counting/id birds
Microscope/magnifying glass
Cloud watching
Chemistry set
Experiment books
Sand play
Balance/Scales
Magnets



Experiment with words

Write:

Story
Song
Poem
Business Plan
Blog post
Script/screenplay/skit
Newspaper Article
Letter to a friend, family, or neighbor (stationary box)
Letter to an author
Book with illustrations
Story-matic cards story

Create:

Storyboard for a movie
Newspaper Blackout
Newspaper cut-out

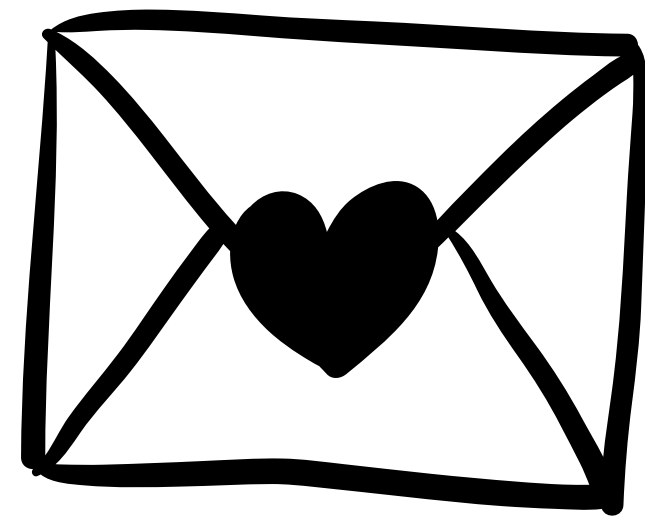
Examine:

A dictionary
A thesaurus



Wonder

Books-fiction, non-fiction
Magazines
Poetry
Bible study
Journal
Think
Add questions to notebook



Make music, dance, & move your body

Music instrument practice
Band
Plan a workout
Stretch
Choreograph a dance
TKD practice

Outside:

Take a walk
Skateboard
Sports: Soccer, B-ball, volleyball, tennis, etc.
Jump rope games
Hula hoops
Spike ball
Corn hole
Badminton
Obstacle/ninja warrior course
Carnival Games
Hopscotch
Play with friends: Capture the flag, Hide and Seek, Make up a new game, etc.
Serve a neighbor: Sweep a garden, have a chat, collect library books, etc.

