

## Activity – Create a Cardboard Neighbourhood

In this activity, we are experimenting with lines and shapes to create a neighbourhood.

**IF YOU COULD BUILD A HOUSE, WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE?**

**WHAT PLACES DO YOU VISIT IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD?**

Begin by discussing the features of houses and apartments with children. You might like to provide some images of different houses and buildings for ideas and inspiration, highlighting the different lines and shapes that make up these buildings.

### You will need:

- Variety of smaller boxes (e.g., shoeboxes, chocolate boxes, cereal boxes)
- Brown paper
- Tape
- Variety of drawing tools: crayons, markers, pens, pencils, paint sticks and paint pens
- Collage materials



Collect a variety of boxes in different sizes.

You might like to wrap the boxes in brown paper to create a uniform base.

Invite children to choose a box to transform into a house or apartment block, using the drawing and collage materials.

Once they have completed their building, invite children to place their work in a designated spot to create a "neighbourhood" that they can play in. Encourage them to create verbal stories of the people who live in the neighbourhood.

### To conclude, you might ask:

- What else does our neighbourhood need?
  - Children can create other places of significance to add to the neighbourhood. Other loose parts can serve purposes as roads, parks, swimming pools etc.
- How does this neighbourhood make you feel?

