

Activity – Create a Cubby

In this activity, we work together to create a cubby decorated in different lines and shapes.

How many different lines and shapes can you name and draw?

Gather a range of picture books that show buildings and neighbourhoods. Encourage children to observe the details in the illustrations and brainstorm a list of words we can use to describe lines. E.G – straight, curved, thin, thick, diagonal, zig zag, curly. This is also a good opportunity to name known shapes that we can observe in the illustrations.

Alternatively, do an online image search and print some images to share with children. Examples could include:

- Rainbow Huang's village in Taiwan <https://www.thiscolossal.com/2019/05/rainbow-village/>
- The homes of Zalipie in Poland - <https://unusual-places.org/zalipie-the-most-beautiful-village-in-poland/>
- Indonesia's Kampung Pelangi - <https://www.my-bestplace.com/en/article/kampung-pelangi-the-rainbow-village-in-indonesia>



This activity encourages children to work on vertical surfaces, decorating fabric to create a cubby house



You will need:

- Old lengths of fabric – old sheets or canvas drop sheets work well.
- Permanent markers,
- Paint pens Pegs or table cover clips

Drape fabric over tables and secure with table cover clips. Lay drop sheets on the floor.

Encourage children to crawl into the cubby house and invite them to "decorate" the cubby house, using different lines and shapes brainstormed in the introductory discussion.

To conclude, you might ask:

- Which lines were easiest to draw?
- What did you find tricky?
- These questions ask children to focus on the process, rather than the product.

