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Let's Build a House

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Is there a house or building going up near your home? This book is a great way to help talk with children about it, learn new words and understand what is happening as the building goes up over time.



BEFORE READING...



- ▶ Explore the front cover before reading the book to see how the house ends up. See what things your child can label (maybe digger, ladder, hammer) and talk about what the house will be made of (bricks, wood, pipes).
- ▶ Talk about any building that is going on in your neighbourhood and what you have seen.

WHILE READING...



- ▶ There is a lot going on for each page. Focus on each line separately by reading it and then pointing to where it is happening in the picture. "Saw the wood and make it fit." (Point to the saw.) Your child may not have seen building going on and won't know what the words mean.
- ▶ Say all the action words and look at your child to encourage them to copy you.

AFTER READING...



- ▶ There is much to explore on each page. Encourage your child to "read" the book themselves, focusing on their favourite pages.
- ▶ Pretend to do all the actions the builders are doing like hammering and not hitting your thumb!
- ▶ If there is a house being built near you, use the book to follow its progress.

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