

Fun Kids Playthings

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Bubble Fun

Bubbles have long been a traditional warm weather fun activity for kids. Below is just one of so many recipes I've run across for making your own bubbles.

Buy a couple of clean fly swatters, or use anything with plastic with holes!

Blow bubbles until the air is filled and the kids are laughing!



Bubble Formula

You'll need:

1 part Dish Soap,

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parts water,

.25 parts glycerine.

If you have hard water use bottled distilled water instead of tap water. Store in a covered container and pour into a pie plate for using.

How Much is the Box Worth?

A cardboard box can be a boat, a car or a plane. It can be a cubby house or a hiding place. Ask your local grocer to keep a sturdy carton or two for you and let your kids use their imaginations. A refrigerator carton can become a tower for a princess or an apartment building for dolls. It can be a fire-engine one day and a space ship the next. If you want it to be a lasting toy you can easily paint and decorate it with stickers or even pictures cut out of magazines and glued on. Use those small sample paint pots for the paint job and you may not even have to pay for them.

Board Games

Scrabble, Monopoly, Snakes and Ladders are all expensive to buy brand new. Keep a lookout in your local paper for garage sales where you'll get great bargains. I picked up a brand new, un-opened scrabble for just \$8 at a garage sale. It went into the present box as we already have Scrabble and Junior Scrabble.

Fantastic Learning Books

Use a small photo album (from the \$2 shop) with a bright, colourful cover to make a beginner book for your baby or toddler. Insert photos of baby, mum, dad, grandparents, siblings and pets and let your baby "read" the pictures.

Make Flubber

This is great fun to make and even more fun to play with. In a container, put some PVA glue and add a small amount of cold water. Mix it well to thin down the PVA. Add some food colouring. Now, carefully add boiling water, mixing well, a little at a time, until it is thick and resembles play dough. Turn it out and knead it well. Then go have some fun with your flubber!

Big Blackboards

Here's a fun idea for a kids room. Section off a part of the wall, and frame it with mouldings. Then paint it with chalkboard paint. You can make it as big as you want, and your kids will be able to write on the wall...which they will love! You can also do this on wood, such as a door or piece of furniture.



Play Dough

All kids love play dough, even the big ones. It's very simple and extremely cheap to make and lasts for ages.

1 cup flour

1/4 cup salt

1 tablespoon spoon oil

few drops of food colouring

1/2 cup boiling water

Mix all together and knead until reaches dough consistency. Play dough is a great party favour too! It's easy and cheap to make and kids really love it. Save your take away style containers to store it in. These can be personalised with each child's name and the date of the birthday party, all ready for them to take home.

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