

Lets Pretend... a Wild Environment

For this activity you will need:

- Material pieces or scarves
- Rug, doona, towel
- Blocks, Cars
- Animals, people
- Container
- Coloured Paper
- **'Imagination'**



What is the learning in this activity?

Ages: 10mths + easily adaptable for all pre-schoolers (Pretend play starts around 9 months)

Purpose: Our children learn by exploring the world around them; as parents & carers we can encourage toddlers imagination and pretend play, supporting them to build language skills, explore & express feelings, problem solve and develop a story or game through creativity.

Let's play!

Toddlers learn by copying the people close to them and also begin to create their own pretend play, stories and games.

We can encourage our children to use their imagination and create wonderful pretend play just by providing a few household items to help create an environment - this suggestion is for a wild environment : white snowy mountains, a brown sandy desert, soft green grass and cool blue water. By adding some toys, blocks, dolls or people, children can act out or make up a story with their toys. They may remember a favourite story or a fun experience, like visiting the beach or zoo. * *You might also create a city, farm, sea or bush environment.*



Let's talk..

Qs - a great activity to 'follow your child's lead', say and do something about what your child is doing, introduce language in play and encourage your child to do more.

Extension - Older children could investigate (book/online) what animals live in the jungle ? Who lives in the colder climates ? And maybe draw a scene or map, including more details.

We'd love to see your creations and home based play.

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