

My Favourite Things

Young children are curious about the world and enjoy exploring new objects and places. They also find security and pleasure through revisiting and reconnecting with familiar people, places and things. In this series of Play School we focus on 'favourite things' – special objects and collections as well as special relationships, pets, and places and favourite things to do. The concept of 'favourite things' is explored through singing, moving, pretending, making and creating, looking at books and listening to stories. Children and families are also encouraged to remember their own special times, places and people as the Play School presenters share experiences and memories. In each episode we sing 'My Favourite Things' and place something special on the Play School treasure shelf.

Episode 1



PRESENTERS

Alex Papps – Emma Palmer

PIANIST

Peter Dasent

STORY

The Runaway Hug

Author: Nick Bland

Illustrator: Freya Blackwood

Publisher: Scholastic Australia

FILM

Art Class

(Play School, ABC)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Visit a garden in the early morning or evening and see if you can find a snail out for a slippery, sliding walk. If you gently place the snail on black cardboard you will see the silvery trail that is left behind.
- Make a book of patterns! Staple a few pieces of blank paper together and create a page each for spots, stripes and zigzags. Then make a mixed up pattern page with spots, stripes and zigzags all together.

SONGS

Off to the Library

Composers: Peter Dasent & Arthur Baysting

Publisher: Origin/ABC Music Publishing

Making a Hat

Composers: Peter Dasent & Sophie Emtage

Publisher: Origin/Control

Spots are Great

Composers: Peter Dasent & Mark Barnard

Publisher: Origin/Control

My Favourite Things

Composers: Oscar Hammerstein II & Richard Rodgers

Publisher: Imagen

It's So Nice to Have A Cuddle

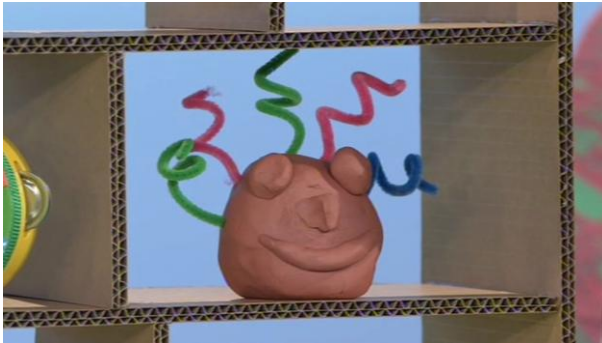
Composer: Sandy Tobias-Offenheim

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing



MAKE AND DO

How to Make Mister Clay Head



You will need:

- Ball of malleable clay
- Pipe cleaners

Manipulate the clay until it is workable

Roll the clay round and round on a table to create a large ball for a head and two small balls for eyes.

Attach the eyes and pinch some clay to form a nose.

Add a long narrow piece of clay for a mouth.

To make curly hair, wrap pipe cleaners around your finger, remove and push into clay head.

How to Make a Clay Snail



You will need:

- Ball of malleable clay
- Pipe cleaners

Roll the ball of clay into a long cylindrical shape by rolling two hands backwards and forwards on the clay.

Roll the long cylinder into a spiral and then stand upright on the table. Add short pieces of pipe cleaners to create eye stalks on either side of the snail's head.

How to Make Fruit Kebabs



You will need:

- 1 rockmelon
- 1 honeydew melon
- A melon baller
- A punnet of strawberries
- Straws

Ask an adult to cut the rockmelon and honeydew melon in half.

Use a melon baller to scoop out the melon. Make lots of melon balls from both melons.

Remove the stalks from the strawberries.

Slide the melon balls and strawberries onto a straw.

Eat and enjoy!

Episode 2



PRESENTERS

Emma Palmer – Teo Gebert

PIANIST

Peter Dasent

TOLD STORY

When Sarah Was a Little Girl

(A story told by the Play School team)

FILM

Dog Walking

(Play School, ABC)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Visit a pet shop or an aquarium and watch the fish swim and swish their tails.
- Send a letter to someone special like your Grandma, Grandpa, Aunt or Uncle or call them on the phone.
- Sing your favourite song.

SONGS

Octopus' Garden

Composer: Richard Starkey

Publisher: Sony/ATV Music Publishing

Put a Spot

Composers: John Fox & Warren Carr

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

My Favourite Things

Composers: Oscar Hammerstein II & Richard Rodgers

Publisher: Imagen

My Granny Loves to Laugh

Composer: Peter Dasent, Arthur Baysting & Justine Clarke

Publisher: Origin/ABC Music Publishing

Ten Little Indians

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: Origin/ABC Music Publishing

Build it Up

Composer: Peter Charlton

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

I Like to Sing

Composers: Peter Dasent & Garth Frost

Publisher: Origin/Control



MAKE AND DO



How to Make a Picture Frame

You will need:

- A favourite picture
- A piece of sturdy cardboard bigger than the picture
- Safety scissors
- Things to decorate the frame with, such as sticker dots, wool, scraps of material, etc.
- Paste
- Tape

Ask someone to cut a window in the centre of the sturdy cardboard big enough for your favourite picture to peep through

Decorate the frame using bits and pieces.

Place the frame over your picture.

Turn the frame over and use tape to attach the picture to the frame



How to Make a Cardboard Cubby for Your Toys

You will need:

- Cardboard boxes of various shapes and sizes
- Safety scissors
- Tape
- Fabric & pillows

Ask someone to cut some holes for windows and doors in the cardboard boxes.

Create a cubby from the boxes by stacking or taping them together.

Use fabric and pillows to make the inside of the cubby more comfy for you or your toys.

Episode 3



PRESENTERS

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PIANIST

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TOLD STORY

Colin the Collector

(A story told by the Play School team)

FILM

Collections

(Play School, ABC)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Start your own collection of objects, such as leaves, stones, bottle tops. See how they are the same or different. Sort them into different groups – colour, size shape. Find somewhere to put your collection to keep it safe.
- Make a bus out of a cardboard box and take your toys for a bus ride.
- Use an old pillow slip for a mystery bag. Place some household objects in the bag for someone else to feel and guess what each one is without looking.

SONGS

Wheels on the Bus

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: Origin/ABC Music Publishing

Doddy Doo

Composer: Colin Buchanan

Publisher: Rondor

My Favourite Things

Composers: Oscar Hammerstein II & Richard Rodgers

Publisher: Imagen

Miss Mary Mack

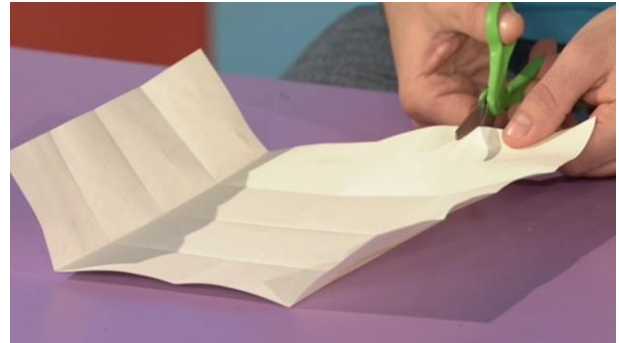
Composer: Traditional

Publisher: Origin/ABC Music Publishing



MAKE AND DO

How to Make a Rainbow Treasure Box



You will need:

- Squares of plain paper
- Crayons
- Safety scissors
- Tape

Decorate paper with crayons.

Turn paper over so the plain side is facing up. Fold paper in-half, then open up so you have a crease down the centre of the paper. Fold the piece of paper in half the other way. Open up the folded paper again to reveal four even squares.

Fold two opposite sides of the square in to meet the centre fold and create a rectangle. Open up again and do the same with the other two opposite sides. Open up the paper again. You should now have sixteen even squares on the piece of paper.

Ask an adult to help you cut down one side of each of the four corner squares.

Folds up the sides to create a box and tape to secure.

Episode 4



PRESENTERS

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STORY

Thank You For Looking After Our Pets

Author & Illustrator: Tim Hopgood

Publisher: Simon and Schuster

FILM

Braiding Hair

(Play School, ABC)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Use recycled materials to make your own funny monster.
- Brush your hair in front of the mirror. See if you can brush it into a different style.
- Pretend a few of your toys are pets – a cat, a dog or a rabbit. Create a soft warm bed and make some toys for your pet toy to play with.

SONGS

Warm Kitty

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: Origin/ABC Music Publishing

Swim Like a Fish

Composers: Chris Harriott & Simon Hopkinson

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

I'm Not Afraid

Composer: John Shortis

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

This is the Way...

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: Origin/ABC Music Publishing

My Favourite Things

Composers: Oscar Hammerstein II & Richard

Rodgers

Publisher: Imagen



MAKE AND DO



How to Make a Fancy Pot for a Plant

You will need:

- Small pots
- Stickers
- Ribbons
- Small pot plants

Decorate pot using stickers and/or ribbons.

Place a small pot plant inside your fancy pot.

Episode 5



PRESENTERS

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PIANIST

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STORY

The Cat's Pyjamas, Catherine Foreman, Scholastic New Zealand, 2011

FILM

Newington Playground
(Play School, ABC)

ANIMATION

Animation Title
(Play School, ABC)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Set a timer and see if you can get dressed before it rings.
- Play a washing basket guessing game. Put on a blindfold and feel the clothes in the washing basket to try and guess what you have found!
- Wash some socks and undies in a bucket of warm soapy water. Rinse them out in clean water and peg them out in the sun.

SONGS

Stir Up the Pudding

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: Origin/ABC Music Publishing

New Shoe Laces

Composer: Adrian Bell

Publisher: Unpublished

Run a Little

Composers: Satis Coleman & Alice Thorn

Publisher: Willis Music Co. administered by Campbell Connelly (Australia) P/L

I Jump Out of Bed in the Morning

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: Origin/ABC Music Publishing

My Favourite Things

Composers: Oscar Hammerstein II & Richard Rodgers

Publisher: Imagen



MAKE AND DO



How to Make Muesli Bars

You will need:

- 170g light brown sugar
- 75g golden syrup
- 130g unsalted butter
- 75ml apple juice
- 190g rolled oats
- 95g sultanas
- 50g pumpkin seeds
- 50g sunflower seeds
- Chopped dried apricots

Melt butter in a saucepan over medium heat.

Add apple juice, brown sugar and golden syrup.

Place other ingredients into a large mixing bowl and mix together.

Pour saucepan mixture into the bowl and mix to combine.

Tip mixture onto a greased and lined baking tray and spread flat.

Bake in a moderately hot oven for 15 minutes.

How to Make a Cat and a Mouse



You will need:

- Ball of wool
- Pipe cleaners
- Pompom
- Small sticker dots
- Wool
- Tape
- Markers

Cat

Twist three half pipe cleaners together to create whiskers.

Slide whiskers through one end of the ball of wool.

Slide a long pipe cleaner through the other end of the ball of wool to make a tail.

Mouse

Use a pompom for the mouse. Stick on two small sticker dot eyes and a sticker dot nose.

Tape on a short length of wool for a tail.