

Collections



This series of Play School is all about collections. Encouraging young children to have their own collections enables them to develop many important skills.

Children sharpen their literacy and numeracy as they label, classify, sort and order the items in their collections. Their observation and language skills are further developed as they seek out items to add and engage others as they describe the collection.

Collections do not have to be expensive or bought from a store. They can simply be a child's artwork or leaves from the garden. Valuing and displaying the items in a collection can also be a source of pride and self confidence.

Join us as we find out what's in the pockets of the Collections Coat, visit the Play School Collections Museum and see a performance of rock n roll band, Bearsmith!

We also look through the windows as some children show us their own collections – from paper planes, rocks and fossils to artwork, baby dolls and feathers.

Collect away!

Episode 1



PRESENTERS

Karen Pang & Teo Gebert

PIANIST

Peter Dasent

STORY

The Children Who Loved Books

Author/Illustrator: Peter Carnavas

Publisher: New Frontier Publishing, 2012

FILM

Paper Planes

(Play School, ABC)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Make a town from small blocks or boxes. Drive some toy cars and trucks from a collection, around the town.
- Make some paper planes and fly them or hang them on string near a window.
- Create your own library! Collect all types of books, magazines, DVDs and CDs. Make a box computer and a scanner for the library cards. Have some toys visit and borrow from the library.

SONGS

The Collection Song (to the tune of Oats and Beans and Barley)

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

I Know A Hairy Bear

Composer: Val Donlon

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Off to the Library

Composer: Arthur Baysting & Peter Dasent

Publisher: Origin

Twinkle Twinkle

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

It's My Birthday Today

Composer: Arthur Baysting & Peter Dasent

Publisher: Origin

A Little Bit of This

Composer: Gordon Sneddon

Publisher: Control

The Wheels On The Bus

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Driving In My Car

Composer: Peter Dasent & Sophie Emtage

Publisher: Origin/Control

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Composer: J. Bratton & J. Kennedy

Publisher: EMI Music

MAKE AND DO



How to Make a Scrapbook Collage

You will need:

- Large piece of paper (A3)
- Sticky tape
- Paste
- Special pictures, drawings, photos, mementos

Collect your special pictures, drawings, photos and items you want to attach to your collage.

Arrange everything on the page. Stick the items to the page with paste or sticky tape.

Look at your collage whenever you want to see your collection of memories!



How to Make a Teddy Bears' Picnic

You will need:

- Picnic blanket
- Cushions
- Teddy bears
- Craft/pretend food

Collect a picnic blanket, craft food and teddy bears of all kinds.

Lay out picnic blanket, cushions and bears on the rug. The bears can enjoy the pretend food.

After lunch, play some games! Play with a ball, play hide and seek or make a paper plane. Maybe sing the Teddy Bears' Picnic song!

Episode 2



PRESENTERS

Alex Papps & Emma Palmer

PIANIST

Peter Dasent

TOLD STORY

Grandma Kwong's Box

(A story told by the Play School team)

FILM

Precious Stones & Fossils

(Play School, ABC)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Find an old coat, apron or bag that has lots of pockets in it so that it can become a collections coat.
- Dress up as a sea captain and make a telescope from a cardboard cylinder. A ship can be old box or washing basket.
- Collect some plastic dinosaurs, press them into the play dough to see their shape and to make dinosaur fossils

SONGS

The Dino Stomp

Composer: Judith Simpson & Max Lambert

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Let's Go Walking

Composer: Edna G Buttolph

Publisher: The Willis Music Co

(c/o Campbell Connelly)

The Collection Song (to the tune of Oats and Beans and Barley)

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

A Sailor Went to Sea

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

I Am the King

Composer: Ron Gamack

Publisher: Control

May I Come Over to Your Place

Composer: Henrietta Clark

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Walk and Stop

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

MAKE AND DO



Make a Stegosaurus and an Apatosaurus

You will need:

- 2 x Tissue boxes
- 2 x Smaller boxes (like a jelly box)
- 8 x egg carton cups (egg carton separated into individual cups)
- Sticky tape
- Paper
- Cardboard tube

For the Stegosaurus

Attach two of the egg carton cups at the front of a tissue box and two at the back for the dino legs.

Use one of the smaller boxes for the Stegosaurus' head. Tape it onto the top of the tissue box.

Twist up some paper to make a tail and tape it onto the back of the box.

Scrunch up some paper pieces into the shape of some spike shapes and stuff them into the opening of the tissue box.

For the Apatosaurus

Take a tissue box and 4 x of the egg carton cups. Attach two of the egg carton cups at the front of the box and two at the back for the dino legs.

Make holes at the diagonal corners of your tissue box big enough for the cardboard tube. Slide the tube through the box and tape to secure. This will be the neck and tail.

Tape on a small box to the neck part of the tube. This will be a head for the Apatosaurus

Make a Treasure Box and Have a Treasure Hunt

You will need:

- A shoe box
- Decorations -stickers, paints etc.
- Crayons
- Paper
- Treasures - feathers, seed pods, old dress-up jewellery, aluminium foil
- Toys
- Washing basket or box

Decorate a shoe box with stickers, paint, crayons or drawings. This will be your treasure box.

Collect some treasure to put inside. It can be feathers, seed pods, old dress up jewellery, maybe some scrunched up tin foil for coins.

Hide the treasure box somewhere safe. It could be in the backyard.

Draw a picture map of the place you hid the treasure and mark an X on the picture where the treasure is hidden.

Collect some toys in a washing basket or box boat. One can be the captain. Sail them around, following the treasure map until the treasure is found!

Episode 3



PRESENTERS

Teo Gebert & Miranda Tapsell

PIANIST

Peter Dasent

TOLD STORY

Jemima's Decorating Day

(A story told by the Play School team)

FILM

Amanda's Artwork

(Play School, ABC)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Play a dress up game! Collect materials with different colours and patterns. Dress up as an animal and ask a friend or carer to guess what you are.
- Collect some natural objects when you go on a nature walk. For example, leaves, twigs, bark, seed pods or feathers. Take them home and stick them on a piece of cardboard to display your collection.
- Cut some shapes into cardboard to create different shape frames for your drawings. You could have a round frame or a triangle frame!

SONGS

What Shall We Do

Composer: Peter Dasent & Mark Barnard

Publisher: Origin/Control

Spots Are Great

Composer: Peter Dasent & Mark Barnard

Publisher: Origin/Control

Spotty Song

Composer: Cynthia Raza

Publisher: Control

Five Little Speckled Frogs

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Spottalotta

(to the tune of Baa Baa Black Sheep)

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Happy Dog

Composer: Peter Dasent & Jane Lindsay

Publisher: Origin

The Collection Song (to the tune of Oats and Beans and Barley)

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

A Little Bit of This

Composer: Gordon Sneddon

Publisher: Control

Here We Go Looby Loo

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Dancing Face

Composer: Arthur Baysting & Peter Dasent

Publisher: Origin

MAKE AND DO



How to Make Play Dough Shapes

You will need:

- Some play dough
- Rolling pin
- Cookie cutters
- Pencil
- Paint
- Leaves, birdseed, decorations
- Ribbon

Use the rolling pin to roll out the play dough.

Take your different shaped cookie cutters and press into the flattened play dough.

Remove the excess dough to reveal your shapes!

Use a pencil to make a small hole in the top of each dough shape.

Decorate your shapes with paints, leaves, birdseed or other decorations pressed into the dough.

Thread a piece of ribbon through the small hole so you can hang your play dough shapes up!

Episode 4



PRESENTERS

Emma Palmer & Teo Gebert

PIANIST

Peter Dasent

BOOK

What Happens Next

Author/Illustrator: Tull Suwanakit
Publisher: Walker Books Australia, 2014

FILM

Baby Dolls

(Play School, ABC)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Draw, find pictures or take a photo of all the different clocks that help us to tell the time. Make a clock book.
- Go to the zoo and see the collection of animals. Make your own zoo at home with your toys and blocks.
- Form your own toy rock band! Use cardboard cylinders and tissue boxes to make guitars and some paper taped over an empty plastic bowl as a drum. Let your toys rock out! Think of a name for the group.

SONGS

The Collection Song (to the tune of Oats and Beans and Barley)

Composer: Traditional
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

I'm A Clock

Composer: Satis Coleman & Alice Thorn
Publisher: Music Sales Australia

I Jump Out of Bed in the Morning

Composer: Arthur Baysting & Peter Dasent
Publisher: Origin

The Zoo

Composer: Gwendoline Edith Holt
Publisher: Control

Little Peter Rabbit

Composer: Traditional
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

The Old Grey Cat

Composer: Traditional
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Leo the Lion

Composer: Harry Snyder & Herman Renner
Publisher: Prentice-Hall Inc.

Baby Elephant Walk

Composer: Henry Mancini & Hal David
Publisher: Chappell & Co

Old MacDonald Had a Farm

Composer: Traditional
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing



MAKE AND DO



How to Make an Elephant Cut Out

You will need:

- Sheets of thick cardboard, perhaps from a shipping carton or fridge box
- Marker pen or paint
- Strong scissors

Draw or paint a picture of a baby elephant on the large piece of cardboard

Cut out an oval shape where the elephant's face would be.

Anyone can now put their face in the shape, and they become a baby elephant!

You can try this with a drawing or painting of any animal that you like.

You might like to take photos of friends and family with their head in the shape!

Episode 5



PRESENTERS

Miranda Tapsell & Alex Papps

PIANIST

Peter Dasent

STORY

Splash for the Billabong

Author: Ros Moriarty

Illustrator: Balarinji

Publisher: Allen & Unwin, 2015

FILM

Feathers

(Play School, ABC)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Make some paper flowers from patty pans and popsicle sticks.
- Make some newspaper balls by scrunching up newspaper and throw them into a laundry basket, to play basketball.
- Set up a ball park. Collect different types of balls – tennis ball, golf ball, soccer ball, exercise ball, football. Explore the way each ball bounces and feels as you move through different activities in the ball park!

SONGS

Play Ball

Composer: Edna G. Buttolph

Publisher: Willis Music Company

The Collection Song (to the tune of Oats and Beans and Barley)

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

There's a Worm at the Bottom of My Garden

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Go Go Goanna

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

The Gum Tree Family

Composer: Arthur Baysting & Peter Dasent

Publisher: Origin

Like a Leaf or Feather

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

The Ants Go Marching

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

MAKE AND DO



How to Make a Paper Bee and Butterfly

You will need:

- A collection of paper. Include paper of different types, varying in texture, patterns, and colours.
- Some string

Choose a small piece of paper. It can be yellow or any other colour you like.

Fold the paper to resemble a small fan

Twist the fanned paper around a finger to transform it into a buzzy garden bee.

Do the same with a slightly larger piece of paper of a different colour to make a fluttery butterfly.

Tie some string around the bee and the butterfly and play!

How to Make a Bush Print Painting

You will need:

- Large piece of paper
- Some different coloured finger paints
- Plastic plates for the paint

Use your hands and fingers to paint some bush trees and creatures!

Try to paint a gum tree, a goanna and some native flowers.

Your paper bee and butterfly might like to fly by for a look!