

Bits and Pieces



In this series of Play School we explore how everyday objects, or loose parts, can be transformed to do many different things. We also investigate the endless possibilities of imaginative play that can emerge from playful encounters with everyday bits and pieces. In each episode we find objects in a particular setting and then use these objects to create, play, solve problems and tell stories. When children explore and play with bits and pieces or loose parts they develop their curiosity, adaptability, creative thinking, collaborative and problem solving skills.

Episode 1



PRESENTERS

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PIANIST

Peter Dasent

STORY

Summer Rain

Author: Ros Moriarty

Illustrator: Balarinji

Publisher: Allen & Unwin, 2015

FILM

Fairy Garden

(Playschool, ABC)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Take a walk on a rainy day. Look at the sky, feel the rain on your face and watch how the water drips and drops and gathers in puddles that are fun to splash in.
- Visit a park, garden or go on a bush walk. Look for different shaped leaves, gumnuts and seedpods. Can you see any flowers as well?
- Use some washed recycled plastic containers for boats in the bath. Which ones float and sail the best?

SONGS

Bits and Pieces

Composer: Kylie Montague & Peter Dasent

Publisher: Control / Origin ABC Music Publishing

A Little Bit of This

Composer: Gordon Sneddon

Publisher: Control

Come on And

Composer: Louie Suthers

Publisher: Unpublished (APRA / AMCOS Registered)

Jabbin Jabbin

Composer: Traditional Gunggari People

Publisher: Control

Drip Drop

Composer: Robyn Mapleson and Peter Mapleson

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

The Mixing Song

Composer: Arthur Baysting & Peter Dasent

Publisher: Origin / ABC Music Publishing

Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairies

Lyrics: Sophie Emtage

Music: Pytor Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Rolling All Around

Composer: Val Donlon

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Round and Round

Composer: Colin Buchanan

Publisher: Rondor

Where Did You Get That Hat?

Composer: James Rolmaz

Publisher: Public Domain

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How to Make Flower Fairies and Bush Butterflies

You will need:

- Bottle brush flowers
- Azalea flowers
- Assorted leaves
- Banksia pod
- Long blades of grass or similar

Instructions

Find two bottle brush flowers and add an azalea flower to the top to create two bush fairies that love to twirl and dance.

Place the banksia pod down on to flat surface. Look for four leaves that could be butterfly wings and place two leaves on each side of the banksia pod. Add two long pieces of grass for the antennae.

How to Make Vegetable Garden Salad

You will need:

- Cherry tomatoes
- Baby spinach leaves
- Parsley sprigs
- Rocket leaves
- Snow peas
- Lemon
- Colander
- Bowl of water
- Paper towel
- Chopping board
- Knife
- Salad bowl
- Lemon squeezer

Instructions

Wash the veggies gently in the bowl of water. Tear the baby spinach and rocket in to smaller pieces and place in the salad bowl. Top and tail the snow peas. Add chopped cherry tomatoes and snow peas to the salad. Add the sprigs of parsley and juice of the lemon. Toss all the salad bits and pieces gently and eat!

Episode 2



PRESENTERS

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PIANIST

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TOLD STORY

Tiddalick the Frog
(Traditional Aboriginal story)

FILM

Wearable Waste
(Play School, ABC)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Make a boat from the washing basket. Add a broom for the mast and hoist a tea towel sail. Go sailing on an ocean adventure in your washing basket boat. Watch out for spurting whales and diving dolphins along the way.
- Make some peg puppet friends using pegs and some fabric scraps, ribbons and lids.
- Have a look at the library for a book about frogs. What sorts of frogs can you see? Are they green or brown or black? Do some frogs have spots?

SONGS

Cleaning

Composer: M Sullivan & C Adams
Publisher: Unpublished (APRA / AMCOS Registered)

I'm Not Afraid

Composer: John Shortis
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Move Over and Make Room For

Composer: Traditional
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Friends All Together

Composer: Sophie Emtage and Peter Dasant
Publisher: Control / Origin / ABC Music Publishing

Wombat Wobble

Composer: Val Donlon
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing / Mushroom Music

Der Glumph

Composer: Traditional
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Heel and Toe Polka

Composer: Traditional
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

The Grand Old Duke of York

Composer: Traditional
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing



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How to Make a Bits and Pieces Frog

You will need:

- Two dustpans
- Elastic bands
- Two ping pong balls
- Rubber ball
- Masking tape
- Four pegs

Instructions

To make a wide mouthed frog connect the two dustpans by placing an elastic band around the two handles. Place a rubber ball between the handles to create a hinge that opens and closes the frog's big mouth. Add more elastic bands to hold in place. Add ping pong balls for googly eyes using some masking tape.

Episode 3



PRESENTERS

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PIANIST

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BOOK STORY

Maisy Goes to the Book Shop
Author: Lucy Cousins
Walker Books Australia, 2017

FILM

Recycled Sculptures
(Play School, ABC)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Visit a pet shop or an aquarium to see the beautiful coloured fish. Watch how they swim with their fins and tails.
- Ask a grown up to show you some kitchen tools or utensils at your place. See what you can make from these kitchen objects. Can you make some kitchen friends from wooden spoons or a whisk or potato masher?
- Staple some paper together to make a book. Add some drawings and words to tell a story.

SONGS

Bits and Pieces

Composer: Kylie Montague and Peter Dasent
Publisher: Origin / ABC Music Publishing

This the Way

Composer: Traditional
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Swim Like a Fish

Composer: Chris Harriott and Simon Hopkinson
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

The Farmer in the Dell

Composer: Traditional
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Watermelon

Composer: Arthur Baysting and Peter Dasent
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Heel and Toe Polka

Composer: Traditional
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Off to the Library

Composer: Arthur Baysting and Peter Dasent
Publisher: Origin

Painting a Picture

Composer: Garth Frost and Peter Dasent
Publisher: Origin

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How to Make Fruity Snacks

You will need:

- Juicer
- Melon baller
- Bowls
- Chopping board
- Knife
- Orange
- Bananas
- Strawberries
- Half a watermelon

Instructions

Wash and gently chop strawberries, and then peel and chop the banana. Place in the bowl. Cut the orange in half and juice each half. Use the melon baller to create watermelon balls from the watermelon and add to the bowl. Pour the juice over the fruit for a juicy fruit salad snack!



How to Make Kitchen Utensil Painting

You will need:

- Large paper
- Smock or old shirt
- Paint brushes
- Sponges
- Paint on plastic plates
- Wooden spoon
- Spatula
- Egg flip

Instructions

Dip the sponge into the paint and splodge big splodges onto the paper. Now try dipping different kitchen utensils into the paint and splodge or print these on to the paper. Look at the different shapes and lines that the utensils make on your wild kitchen utensil painting. Does your painting look like a wild windy day?

Episode 4



PRESENTERS

Leah Vandenberg and Nicholas Brown

PIANIST

Peter Dasent

TOLD STORY

Rocky and Pebble's Beachy Adventure

FILM

Sand Sculptures
(Play School, ABC)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Walk along the sand or beach and look back at your foot prints. Can you find big footprints and small? What do thong foot prints look like? What about flipper foot prints? Have you seen the foot prints left behind by sea gulls?
- Make your own imaginary shop in the sand pit or at the beach. What can you find to sell? Sea weed lettuce? Shell cakes or pies? Can you find some stones for money?

SONGS

Dig Dig Dig

Composer: Julian Gough, Monica Trapaga and David Basden

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

I'm Not Afraid

Composer: John Shortis

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

If You're Happy and You Know It

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Walk and Stop

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Let's Seize the Day

Composer: Emma Palmer and Peter Dasent

Publisher: Control / Origin

Roly Poly

Composer: Angela Moore and Peter Dasent

Publisher: Control / Origin

I Like Swimming

Composer: Phil Barton, Ben O'Hara, Kirsty Gentz

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing / Happy As Larry (Formerly Larrikin)

Rolling Waves

Composer: Kylie Montague

Publisher: Control

Let's Play Together

Composer: Arthur Baysting and Peter Dasent

Publisher: Origin / ABC Music Publishing

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How to Make Beach Faces

You will need:

- Pebbles
- Seaweed of crepe paper
- Shells made from egg carton cups
- Sticks

Instructions

Create a mound or flat surface. Draw a round or oval shape with a stick for a face. Add pebble eyes, and shell nose, stick eye brows and seaweed hair. For a different hair style collect some running drippy watery sand and drip sand around your beach face to create sloppy, ploppy, sandy hair.



How to Make Beach Instruments

You will need:

- Plastic large shallow lunch box with lid
- Gravel
- Driftwood or other sticks

Instructions

Place gravel in lunch box and secure the lid to create a wave drum that sounds like the sea. Tap your driftwood sticks together to create a steady beat or an interesting rhythm.

Episode 5



PRESENTERS

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PIANIST

Peter Dasent

BOOK STORY

Cat Knit

Author: Jacob Grant

Publisher: A Feiwel And Friends Book
an imprint of Macmillan, 2016

FILM

Swell Sculptures

(Play School, ABC)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Can you pack a bag or a suitcase for a pretend adventure? Where could you go? What would you take? Perhaps your bed could be a faraway land, just right for a new adventure. See what a wonderful place you can create from the bits and pieces you have packed in your bag.
- Ask a grown up if they could take you for a ride on a bus.
- Have fun dressing up and having a dance.

SONGS

Two Little Dicky Birds

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Spotty Song

Composer: Cynthia Raza

Publisher: Unpublished

(APRA / AMCOS Registered)

Here is the Sea

Composer: John Fox

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Bags Bags Bags

Composer: Don Spencer

Publisher: Unpublished (APRA / AMCOS
Registered)

The Wheels on the Bus

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Round and Round

Composer: Kylie Montague

Publisher: Control

The Black Cat

Composer: Mary Britton-Miller, M Bartholomew

Publisher: Silver Burdett

If You're Happy and You Know It

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Dance with a Dolly

Composer: Terry Shand, Jimmy Eaton and

Micky Leader

Publisher: J Albert & Son

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How to Make Pom Poms

You will need:

- Coloured wool
- Scissors

Instructions

Wrap wool around and around four of your fingers. Take wool off fingers and secure in the middle with another piece of wool. Fluff the ends of the wool out and then carefully snip the ends to create your colourful pom pom.



How to Make Dancing Dollies

You will need:

- Two embroidery hoops
- Fabric
- Buttons or pom poms
- Scarves
- Wool
- Bodkin

Instructions

Place the fabric over the smaller hoop and then lace the larger hoop over the top so that the fabric is held between the two hoops and is secure. Stitch on a smile using the bodkin threaded with a length of wool. Sew on two button or pom pom eyes making sure you tie a knot in the wool at the back. Peg a scarf to the base of the face and now your dolly is ready to dance!