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Box cars

You'll need:

- Cardboard boxes
- Scissors
- Sellotape
- A circular object (such as a plate)
- Pens, paint, etc.

Method:

- Use a box big enough for your child to sit in
- Cut off the two long side flaps and one short side flap of the box
- Keep these pieces to make the wheels and steering wheel
- To make the windscreen you can either cut a shape in the short flap that you

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have left or just fold the flap in half to make a windscreen and bonnet. Secure the bonnet section to the box using sellotape

- Using a circular object (such as a plate) draw 5 circles on the discarded pieces of cardboard from the flaps
- Cut these out and stick 4 to the box to resemble wheels (2 each side)
- Stick the other circle inside the box to resemble a steering wheel
- If the box is too high for your child to climb in and out of easily then cut a semi-circle into one of the longer sides to make it easier

Why not?

- Instead of watching TV encourage your child to read a book in their new car?
- Let your child use their imagination to create something of their own interests?
- Pretend to take a journey to a friend

or relative's house? Talk to your child about what you might see on the way

- Do an online search for more children's activities that use cardboard boxes?

The benefits of this activity:

- It will help develop your child's creativity and imagination
- It will help develop your child's language skills through discussions



CAUTION:
Close supervision
is needed when
using scissors!