

LEARN THROUGH PLAY

Cardboard kitchen

Rather than recycle them, why not put your empty cardboard boxes to good use?

You'll need:

- Some cardboard boxes
- Colouring pens/craft paint
- Scissors/craft knife
- Maybe you can add other things like paper plates, a plastic bowl, cardboard tubes, coloured paper, etc.

Making an oven:

- On your box, draw on the rings on top of the oven (or use paper plates)
- On the front of the box, draw on the oven door





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- Cut down the left side, along the top and down the right side and fold this down to make the hinged door
- Why not use some more cardboard and make shelves inside the oven?

Making a sink unit:

- Draw a circle on the top of the box (slightly smaller than your bowl) so that the bowl can sit in the top of the box
- Draw on a draining board by the bowl
- Draw doors on the front of your cupboard
- Cut along the top, down the middle and along the bottom of your doors and fold them to the side
- Why not try making a cardboard tap?

Making a washing machine:

 Draw a large circle in the middle of the box and add some dials along the top

- just like your washing machine
- Cut around most of the circle and fold this to one side to make the door

The benefits of this activity:

- It will encourage your child to explore and role play everyday situations
- It will help your child understand some everyday scenarios in the home
- Talk about reusing and recycling

CAUTION:
Close supervision
is needed when
using scissors
and glue!