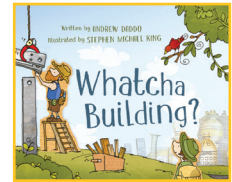


Book title: WATCHA BUILDING?

By Author: Andrew Daddo and Stephen Michael King

Every day Davey Durak watches Bruce the builder as he works on the old milk bar around the corner. One day, Davey asks for some wood to take home, he doesn't say why he needs the wood yet Bruce agrees. Each day, Davey returns and asks for more timber, and as time goes on curiosity becomes too great for Bruce, "what are you making?" he asks, Davey says nothing. *Whatcha Building?* Takes readers on a journey – what could little Davey Durak could be making? Perhaps a cubby? Or a rocket ship? Or a boat? This picture books is a delightful story to share and the brilliant illustrations will inspire creativity and imagination for all.



Activity: Build your own city

You will need:

- Paper and pencils or crayons
- Glue or sticky tape
- Scissors
- Template and extra blank paper or newspaper
- Recycled materials – clean yoghurt tubs, milk cartons, water bottles, paper towel cardboard rolls, cardboard cereal boxes etc.
- Optional: toy cars or toy people.



Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.

Instructions:

- Have a look at the illustrations in the story, *Whatcha Building?*
- Gather materials to create your own city
- Decorate template or draw your own onto blank paper or newspaper
- Cut out sections to glue onto your recycled materials. Consider the roof, the sides of buildings, the front door etc.
- Use sticky tape to secure your buildings to a large piece of cardboard or paper.
- Optional: use toys such as cars, or figurines of people and animals to animate your city. Your child might even invent all kind of buildings or scenarios for some imaginative uses!

Ideas

When playing, imagining and making constructions or crafting, children are learning about the world around them. Chat with your child about what your community looks like, do you live near tall buildings? Spacious parks? Or do you live in a small town?

Look at photographs of different cities from around the world (You could use books or search the internet for images of "cities from around the world"). You might like to talk about the names of the buildings, for example: skyscrapers, cathedrals, churches, apartment blocks, hospitals, libraries, galleries, harbours, factories or stations. Talk about some of the buildings, the materials they are made of and how tall they are. What are some of the natural features of the landscape and what has been built or constructed?

Songs

The Wheels on the Bus, Row, Row, Row your Boat and Cuddly Koala.

Key message

Children learn being engaged and doing.

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