Fun with Boxes Activity Guide

You don’t need fancy or expensive toys and games to help your young child learn. You can help nurture your child’s creativity and imagination with items you already have in your home. A simple cardboard box is a great tool for children to explore and learn about the world around them. Giving young children opportunities to try new things, fail, and then try something else, is how their brains grow and develop.

Simply collect some empty cardboard boxes – any shape or size will work! You can also use paper, tape, crayons, markers, or whatever craft supplies you have as building and decorating materials. Ask your child what they would like to build and follow their lead.

For some fun ideas on box creations, watch this read aloud video of Not a Box by Antoinette Portis

Need more ideas? Check out some of these great titles from the Saint Paul Public Library!

Cardboard Box Engineering by Jonathan Adolph
A Pig, A Fox, and A Box by Jonathan Fenske
Thank You Bear by Greg Foley
Big Box Little Box by Caryl Hart
51 Things to Make With Cardboard Boxes by Fiona Hayes
My Book Box by Will Hillenbrand
The Birthday Box by Leslie Patricelli
Boxitects by Kim Smith
Out of the Box by Jemma Westing
The Nowhere Box by Sam Zuppardi