

Let's Make It!

Preschoolers (3-5 years old)

Talk • Tools • Try

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- **Story Stones:** Paint, draw or glue pictures on clean, smooth stones. Use them to tell a story.
- **Music:** Fill a clean, empty plastic bottle with some dried beans or raw rice to make a shaker. Will more filler make a different sound? Will different fillers make different sounds?
- **Games:** Use small objects and a towel to invent a memory game. Take turns.
- **Snacks:** Wash and cut fruit to prepare fruit salad.
- **Toy Boats:** See what will float. Wood? Corks? Empty milk cartons?



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Tips for Parents

- Follow your child's lead.
- Learn together. You don't have to be an expert.
- Watch, listen, talk about what's happening and ask questions. Make suggestions when needed.
- Set aside enough time to enjoy it. Making things takes time.
- Use materials and tools that you have at home. It doesn't have to cost a lot.
- Show children how to use tools and materials safely.
- Learn through making. What you make doesn't have to be perfect.

Your preschooler is learning to:

- Solve problems
- Use their creativity and imagination
- Use language to communicate
- Understand the properties of materials
- Count and notice patterns
- Use tools - including their hands
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