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- **Pictures:** Tear coloured paper into small pieces and use a glue stick to make a collage.
- **Buildings and Vehicles:** Turn a large, empty box into a house or spaceship.
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- 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.

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