

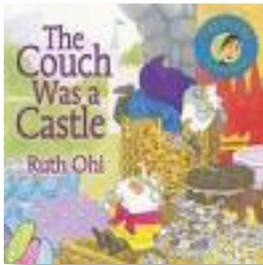
Let's pretend

Let's play and talk together

- ❖ Put some old clothes, hats, shoes, stuffed animals and other props into a box or basket.
- ❖ Start playing "let's pretend" by choosing a prop and talking about what you are going to pretend.
- ❖ Invite your child to join in the pretend game. Make up a story together.
- ❖ Encourage your child to tell you what is happening as you act out the story.



A good read-together book



The Couch Was A Castle by Ruth Ohi

You will need a collection of old clothes, hats, shoes, bags, sunglasses and other items for dressing up.

This activity will help your child use imagination and creativity, think out loud and describe actions with words.

Hints for success

- ❖ Have conversations in which you pretend to be different characters.
- ❖ Include parts in the story for dolls, stuffed animals or puppets.
- ❖ Change your voice for different parts.



Ways to say it

More ideas for Let's pretend

Try this way

- ❖ Use empty cardboard boxes and blankets to build a "let's pretend" play space. Talk about what kind of space you are building and who will be there.
- ❖ Put a few chairs in a row to make a train, a bus or a subway car. Go on an imaginary trip.
- ❖ Act out a story you have read together in a book. Take turns telling parts of the story as you act it out.



Writing

Make signs for your imaginary play space.

Healthy eating

Include healthy foods as you play "let's pretend."
Serve real food and have a meal together in your play space.

Book links

Little Fox Goes to the End of the World

by Ann Tompert

**Rainy Day Play: Explore, Create, Discover,
Pretend** by Nancy F. Castaldo