

The Free Play

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Toolkit

Spaces

Small, enclosed spaces (forts, tents, playhouses, a cardboard box)

Large open spaces
(gym, field, park)

Playground or
swingset

A garden or other
place with dirt

Outdoor spaces
(woods, beach,
creek, pond,
backyard)

The elements
(snow, rain, wind)



A pool (indoor,
outdoor, big or small)

A place to climb
(trees, rocks, hills)



Tools



Musical instruments

Tactile bins, small worlds

A variety of sports balls

"Grownup stuff" (office
supplies, cleaning supplies,
cooking utensils and pots/pans)



Things to mix and make a
mess (shaving cream, finger
paint, water and other liquids)



Dressups/costumes



Hose, sprinkler, watering cans

Containers, boxes,
buckets of all
different sizes



Nets, shovels, rakes,
brooms

Anything with wheels
(scooters, skateboards,
wagons, bikes)

Sand and sand box

Art supplies (clay, paint, glue, yarn
or string, tape, paint, markers or
crayons, pencils, notebooks, paper,
beads)



A group of kids



Water and something to hold the
water – table, bin/container,
baby pool

Things to build with (blocks, sticks, sand, rocks, blankets, pillows, cushions,
pieces of wood)



Where...
can you hide?
does this lead?

Where, how high, how far...
can you go?

What can you...
build? find? collect? make? do?



Prompts