

Den building

Equipment

- Any suitable building materials such as sheets, blankets, pegs, tables, chairs, washing line, clothes airer
- Cushions, rugs, blanket, and pillows for furnishing

Instructions

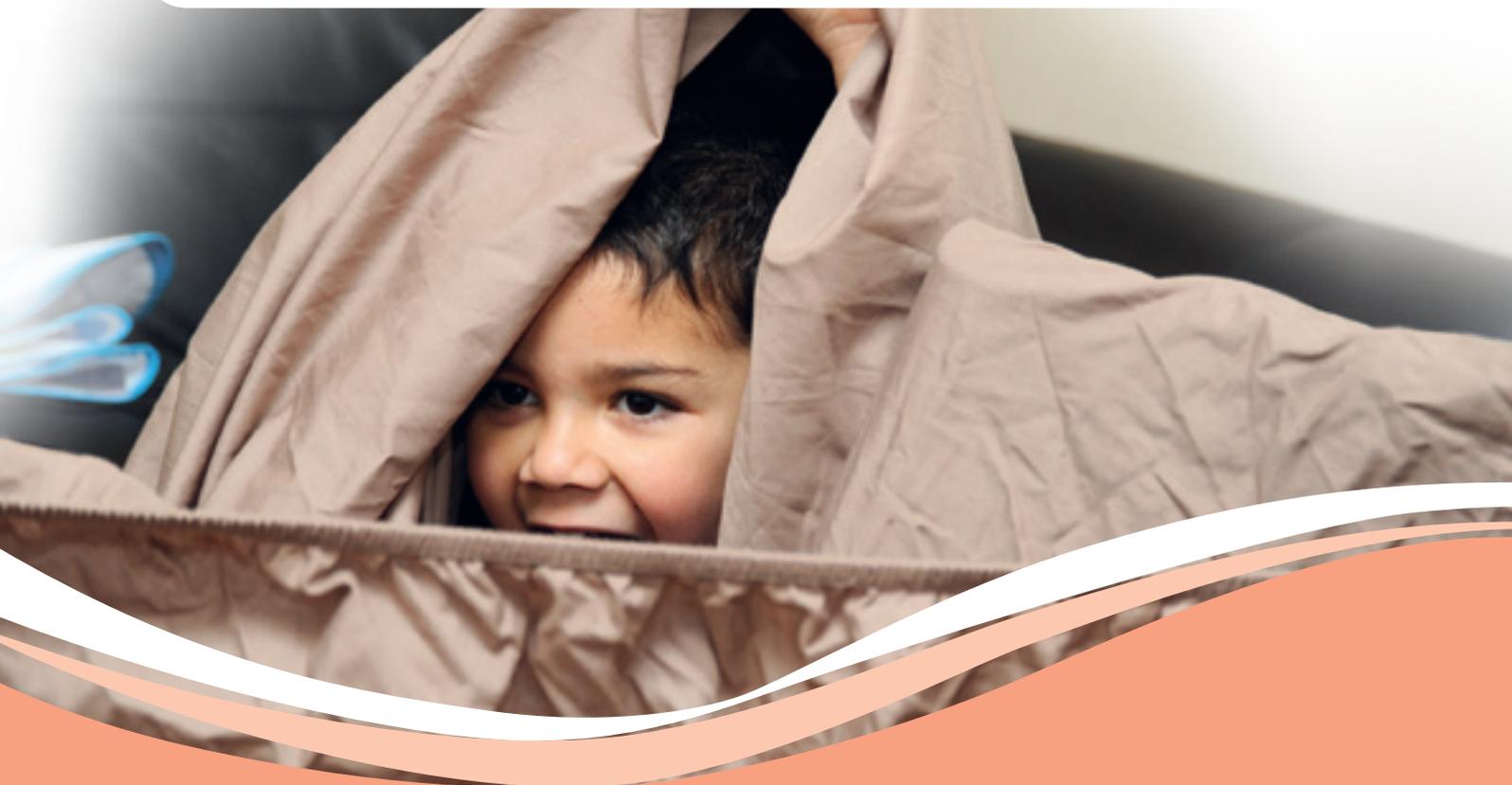
Build a den either indoors or outside.

Gather suitable building materials – for example, sheets and blankets, large cardboard boxes, clothes pegs (for fastening).

Make use of home/garden furniture to add structure, such as tables, chairs, fences.

You could use large sticks with string wrapped round one end to make a tripod as a tepee frame.

Make your den cosy using cushions, pillows, etc.



Variations

Take some story books inside for quiet story time, or a small snack for a tea party.

Take torches inside and see the patterns of light.

Make a house for a favourite toy using a shoebox.

Precautions

Children may not yet have developed motor skills and spatial awareness to enter and leave the den without damaging it, which may lead to frustration.

Show children the best way to enter and leave the den. Leave a large enough doorway.

Make sure that there is nothing heavy that can fall or topple on to your child.



benefits

- Developing imagination.
- Developing problem-solving skills.
- Learning to interact with others.
- Learning by observing and imitating others.