

Benefits of Open-ended Play

For this activity you will need:

Open-ended materials are items that can be used by themselves or with other materials. They can be carried, lined up, redesigned, taken apart, moved and put back together in multiple ways



What is the learning in this activity?

Purpose: Open-ended play enables children to be creative, engage in decision making and in problem solving. By exploring the materials, children become architects, designers, builders, explorers, archaeologists, artists, gardeners, inventors, teachers.....and learners.

Let's play!

- 1. Find play materials and set out in a spacious area.
- 2. Play!







Let's talk..

Qs - What else can we find to add to the play?

Extension - Start collecting your recycling, such as tubing, small boxes, bubble wrap, plastic containers and lids to add to, or create, new play spaces.

We'd love to see your creations and home based play. Share with us at: @YarraRangesFamilies #YarraRangesPlay You can contact the YRC Family & Children's Services team on 1300 368 333 or by email at earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au