

20 fun toddler activities and games

Many parents don't know the meaning of cabin fever until they're stuck indoors with a bored toddler. But never fear! These kid-friendly activities and games are guaranteed to keep even the busiest toddler happy on a rainy day.

Toddler activity 1: Paper bag puppet

There's plenty of fun to be had turning a simple paper bag into a simple puppet that toddlers can get creative with and decorate.

Toddler activity 2: Indoor basketball

This is a fun game for toddlers and boosts their eye/hand coordination. All you have to do is get a bin or bucket and some rolled up balls of newspaper and try and get the 'balls' in the bin.

Toddler activity 3: Leaping lily pads

This easy activity turns your lounge room into a fun frog pond. Place cushions around the room and get your toddler to leap like a frog from one to the other.

Toddler activity 4: Make a foil crown

Let your toddler become a little prince or princess they are with some everyday items. Take some cardboard and tin foil and whatever else you can find to bejewel your creation. Fun to make and then fun to play with.

Toddler activity 5: Cardboard box car

A small cardboard box is all you need to make a fabulous car for a favorite bear or doll. Take a bigger cardboard box and turn it into a car for your toddler!

Toddler activity 6: Balloon bop

All you need is a couple of balloons, then get your toddler to bounce, throw, hit the balloon across the room without it hitting the ground. Fun and great for hand/eye coordination.

Toddler activity 7: Pillow jump

Toddlers love nothing more than jumping on pillows - so why not create a playground full of them?

Toddler activity 8: Treasure hunt

Distract your child while you hide some 'treasure' around the room for your child to find. Your toddler will love the game of finding it!

Toddler activity 9: Table tent

A simple table tent will have kids occupied for ages. Create your own campsite indoors and you can pretend to sleep under the stars, sing around a camp fire or just hide out in the 'tent'.



Toddler activity 10:

Musical jars

Spark the inner musician in your toddler with by making these easy musical jars.

Toddler activity 11: Cotton tip painting

Pour out some paints and forget about the brushes, instead use cotton tips to create a different type of artwork. Your toddler will have great fun experimenting with art.

Toddler activity 12: Ringing phone

Toddlers love 'talking' on the phone, so with a few ordinary household items make one for your child.

Toddler activity 13: Trail's end

Take a roll of toilet paper and create a trail for your child to follow. Tie a little surprise at the end for your toddler to find.

Toddler activity 14: Binoculars

Go on safari in your lounge room and create a pair of binoculars for your child. They're fun to make and then your toddler can create a whole imaginary world to use them in.

Toddler activity 15: Colour collage

Watch your child paste and create his own masterpiece with this fun activity. Great to boost imagination.

Toddler activity 16: Indoor cubby house

A few cushions and a sheet will make the perfect cubby house. A fun place to hide out in and then it can be a base for countless roleplay games, from a hospital to a school.

Toddler activity 17: Pretend cooking

All you need are a few bowls, wooden spoons and saucepans and get pretend cooking. Whip up a feast to whet your toddler's imaginary appetite.

Toddler activity 18: Rainy day box

A fresh and fun rainy activity for your toddler is to create a rainy day activity box.

Toddler activity 19: Butterfly paintings

Amaze your child by teaching them to make their own beautiful butterfly! All you need is a few bits and pieces to get painting.

Toddler activity 20: Egg carton treasure box

This egg carton treasure box makes the hidey-hole for your toddler to store all those little treasures he loves.