



# HABITAT CREATIONS

“ We are squirrels collecting food in our caves! ”



“ We are building a bird's nest! ”





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## Play Inspiration:

Children use their imaginations to build animal homes (ex. caves, dens, nests, hollow log, burrow, rock crevices, and openings) and pretend to be a variety of animals by imitating animal behaviors and noises (ex. protecting their young, hibernating, hunting/gathering food, predator/prey relationships, etc.).

## Benefits:

- Increase understanding of animal habitats and animal behaviors
- Apply knowledge through imaginative role playing
- Work cooperatively and creatively with others
- Promote physical activity, body awareness, and locomotor movement

## Materials:

- Snug Play equipment
- Fabric (optional)
- Various natural elements for gathering (ex. nuts, berries, leaves, twigs etc.)

## Extensions:

- Work in groups to build entire habitats/homes (ex. coral reef, desert, forest, etc.)
- Discuss what makes their creation a good habitat or shelter
- Create your own homes/shelters
- Take on a variety of roles as they explore their habitat/home

## Content Connections:

- Physical Education
- Language Arts
- Creative Arts