

Adventure and junk play Aotūroa



Children love to build their own creations using 'junk' materials. Junk resources are cheap and easy to find from the recycled, natural and man-made materials in the world around us. Junk play gives children many opportunities to experiment with the physical properties of objects.

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Te Whāriki

Adventure and junk play supports learning across all strands of Te Whāriki. In particular, children's developing capability to be expressive is supported in the **Communication strand**, where they discover and develop different ways to be creative and expressive, in the **Exploration strand**, where they develop strategies for active learning and experiment with the objects in their worlds, and also in the **Contribution strand**, where children are encouraged to learn with and alongside others.



Adventure and junk play can help children to

- work together with others, share and take turns
- develop their ideas in their own ways
- learn to solve problems, plan and remember
- learn about fitting into spaces and mathematical ideas such as under, over, through and between
- be creative and use objects and materials in different ways.



Adults can support children by

- talking with and listening to them
- allowing them to explore at their own pace and ability
- supporting them to put their own ideas into practice, without taking over
- helping them sort out problems by encouraging respect and positive behaviour
- creating a safe environment
- providing a wide range of equipment and resources.

Providing for Adventure and Junk play

It's a good idea to give children space when they are taking part in adventure and junk play as this will allow them to be as creative as they want.

Ideas for equipment

- boxes, cartons, cardboard
- ladders, planks, tubes
- old blankets, hessian, ropes, carpet
- dress-up clothes
- natural materials such as logs, flax, driftwood, stumps, rocks.

