

Loose Parts Challenge:

What ever floats your boat in this boat building task!

All

Play
based
learning



Instructions basic level

Activity

Loose parts are just that, objects with no specific purpose. Parts that can be used to make anything and everything, your imagination is the only limit.

This challenge is simply to build boat... Any kind of boat or ship, a pirate ship or a sailing boat or an ocean liner!

Your boat can be small, and you could sail it in a puddle, or large enough for you to fit inside and sail on the playground!

Think about what features your boat needs – does it need sails, or oars or maybe cannons?

What could you use?

A range of small and large materials e.g. recycling, scrap construction, materials, natural items, and other bits 'n' bobs!

General Learning Outcomes

The use of loose parts supports creativity and **technology**. **Language and Literacy** is developed through conversation and planning how to build **your boat**. Investigating what things will float and what things will sink involves **scientific enquiry**.

Extend this activity for older children by:

Investigating ways to make the boat self-propelling.
Find out how much weight the boat can hold before it sinks.

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