

## Get Started Scrap Guide

Here are some suggestions to get you started sourcing scrap!

**CAR/BIKE TIRES:** Whether you have an old bike falling apart or make a trip to your local scrap yard; get your hands on some of these and the kids will be thrilled!



**PALLETS:** Local shops or factories will be your best bet for finding these but when you do they are perfect for building pretend rafts, boats and cars.

**CORRUGATED PIPES:** If there are any reconstruction or roadwork sites nearby ask if they are throwing away some of these. Some of them are even big enough to crawl through!



**CLOTHES PEGS:** When it comes to playing you don't want anything to hold you up. Pegs are perfect for quickly clipping fabric when building a den or costume.

**SHOP FRONT WINDOW DISPLAYS:** You will be amazed by all the weird and wonderful things you can acquire from window displays at the end of a season.



**SCHOOL CHAIRS:** The backs of these old chairs are ideal for car seats and can even be made into balancing boards for rocking on.



**BUCKETS:** Perfect for making a drum- and a handy seat when all that drumming tires you out!



**GARDEN CANES:** These handy rods are multi-purpose. Their flexibility does make them perfect for building wigwams though.



**BUBBLE WRAP:** We all know what bubble wrap is perfect for... and the more of it the better! Once it is popped it can be used again as lining or padding.

**OLD SUITCASES:** They may be no good for a real holiday anymore but they are perfect for role play and storage!



**SCRAP STEERING WHEELS:** Your local scrap yard will have more than a few and no scrap car is complete without one!

**CABLE WHEELS:** If you pass a shop being refurbished be sure to ask for some of these! Otherwise try writing off to some of the larger companies like BT. Perfect for rolling, doing tricks and building transport!



**BEADS:** Fabric and craft stores often have cast offs which are perfect for playing games or making homemade jewellery.



**MANNEQUINS:** Every day is a fashion show if you can manage to get some broken/worn out mannequins from a high street clothes shop.



**NUMBER PLATES:** And what play car would be complete without a number plate?



**BITS OF BIKES:** Bits and bobs of recognisable resources and playthings are a good way to get kids imaginations working when playing with scrap.



**CURTAINS/FABRIC SCRAPS:**

Whether you are building a stage or a home these are a must have! Local stores or an attic clear out are the best option for acquiring these.



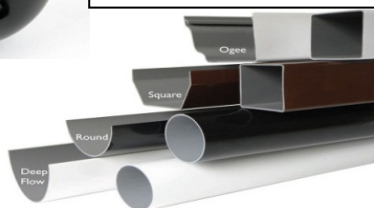
**MILK CRATES:** Building a tower? Need a treasure basket? Why not see if the local supplier or big supermarkets nearby have some going spare!



**CARPET:** Make it an occasion by adding a red carpet. Other colours are perfect for building houses too! Samples are often great for variety and easier to get hold of.



**GUTTERING:** Guttering of all shapes and sizes is ideal for building rat runs and cascades. Try local trade's men and hardware stores.



**HOUSE HOLD ITEMS:**

Things that clutter the house could easily be cleared out to add a touch of reality to dens.

### **DUST BINS AND BROOMS:**

Why not take inspiration from stomp and get musical with some beaten up dustbins and old brooms?



**WATER BARRELS:** Great for rolling- even better for circus tricks! They may be harder to get your hands on but last for ages. Try bigger warehouses.

**FISHING NETS:** Live near the water? A donation of a few of these could make for cheap and easy storage inside the pod!



**PLASTIC BOTTLES:** Bottle rockets, rain sticks, floats, crafty creations... the list is endless!



**PIPE INSULATION:** These are either a cheap purchase or a kind donation from your local builders; a perfect safe alternative to 'stick fencing' amongst many other things!



### **OLD TRAFFIC SIGNS AND CONES:**

You will see an expression of awe if you introduce some of these to the playground!



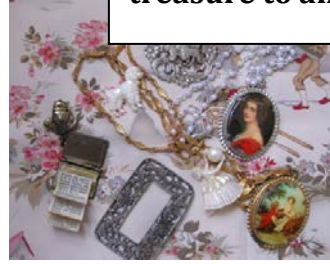
**TARPAULIN:** For building dens or putting out on wet ground. Hardware and camping stores may have a few or otherwise they are a cheap investment.





**CLOTHES HANGERS:** Whether it is for keeping dressing up clothes tidy or playing shop these will come in handy. So when they ask at the shop 'would you like to take the hangers?' say 'yes!'

**TRINKETS AND TINS:** Items we treat as junk can be buried treasure to an imaginative child!



**OLD CLOTHES:** They may not be the fashion anymore but they are great for dress up or messy play!



**OLD SPORTS RACKETS/BALLS:** Just because they are no good for serious sport anymore doesn't mean they can't be the basis of inventing a new game. Or there is the old favourite, making a pair of snow shoes!



**CARDBOARD:** Whether it is rolling balls through tubes or building castles; cardboard in all its forms is a must!



**ROPE:** The uses are endless!

These are just a few ideas to inspire you, the list is endless and scrap is in abundance! Once you start looking you will see it everywhere!

Let common sense prevail in selecting scrap and make sure all of your materials are suitable for play; check sharp corners, rough edges, small parts etc. There is so much scrap to go around that you can afford to be picky!