

“In Your Imagination”

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Module 4, Cozy Corner

Prompt:

Make a Cozy Explorer’s Corner where you can hang out, relax, and work on your Explore It projects all summer long.

Materials:

Whatever materials you have that can be used for fort building! Here are some suggestions:

- Pillows
- Blankets of all sizes
- Chairs
- Large cardboard boxes
 - If you go this route, you may want to prep it ahead of time to your child’s specifications (for example, cutting windows, doors, etc.).
 - Markers to decorate the box
- Stuffed animals and other toys
- Books
- A small speaker or music-playing device
- Supplies your child might need for other *Explore It* projects (for example, basic art supplies)

Instructions:

1. Read the prompt with your child. Explain to them that they get to design and build their very own “Cozy Corner” all by themselves!
2. Outline any safety parameters relevant to your household (e.g., no climbing on chairs, etc.).
3. Give them a designated spot where they can work on their Cozy Corner.
4. If applicable, model a few different ways to make forts to get your child started (for example, by draping a blanket over two chairs).

5. Tell them that they can build as many different Cozy Corners as they want with the materials – they can make one, then take it down and create another!

Resources:

This Boston Children's Museum video gives a great explanation, for parents and kids, of making Cozy Corners:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTWu1EfZark&feature=youtu.be>. From 3:00 minutes - 6:00 minutes, kids from the Museum community share their own Cozy Corners, which could provide great inspiration for your children!

Below are some images from the YouTube video. Check out what these BCM kids made!



Extensions:

If your child needs more challenges to go along with this activity:

- Ask them to make a Cozy Corner for you (or a sibling or other family member).
- Challenge them to make their Cozy Corner larger or smaller.

- Challenge them to include an object (blanket, pillow, toy) etc. for every color of the rainbow in their Cozy Corner.
- Challenge them to create a Cozy Corner that is mainly one color (for example, making a Cozy Corner that uses only blue pillows and blankets).
- Give them a reusable shopping bag and have them go “shopping” around the house for materials for their Cozy Corner supply kit.
- Challenge them to make a mini Cozy Corner for a stuffed animal or toy.

Together with your child, go to the “In your Imagination” topic on Flipgrid and share their Cozy Corner.