

“In Your Imagination”

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Module 6, Cup Creations

Prompt:

Build a creation out of cups! Maybe a castle? A tower?

- Where is your structure and who will live inside of it?
- How tall will it be?
- What are all the different ways you can use the cups to build?
- Once you build one, add more to create a whole city!

Materials:

- [Plastic](#) or [paper cups](#) (lots and lots - the more you have, the more fun building)

Other material from around the house can be added for even fancier Cup Creations. Some suggested materials include:

- Things from your recycle bin (cardboard, toilet paper tubes, egg cartons, yogurt containers, etc.)
- Small toys or figurines (animals, cars, people)
- Popsicle sticks
- Index cards (or other thick paper)

Instructions:

1. Read the prompt with your child.
2. Set out the cups and any other materials you gathered, and give your child any necessary safety or household rules that apply to the materials (for example, small objects might be chokable or some materials could be messy, etc.).
3. If it is helpful, give them a designated space to work – the floor is best for this activity, maybe use painter’s tape to mark a spot out, if needed.
4. Some children will jump right in. Some children may need a little more prompting to give them ideas of what to do. Here are a few suggestions to get your child started:
 - Show your child different ways you can stack the cups.
 - Challenge your child to make a tower as tall as they are.

- Invite children to make a castle for a specific toy they like.

Resources: Check out these pictures of Cup Creations made by your *Explore It* guides for inspiration:



Extensions:

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

- Invite them to make up a story about the people or animals that live in their castle or tower.
- Encourage them to have fun knocking their structures over and starting again.
- Give your child a new building challenge. Some suggestions include:
 - Build a bridge.
 - Build something that has a roof.
 - Build a castle using every material you have.
 - Build a whole city.
- Build a large tower like the one in the photo on the right in the Resource section. Challenge them to carefully remove one cup at a time from the middle, and see how long it keeps standing. (It's like a cup tower version of Jenga!)

Together with your child, go to the "In your Imagination" topic on Flipgrid and share their Cup Creations.