

Waterproof Shelter Challenge

Build and test your own waterproof shelter from loose parts!

All

Play-based
Learning



Instructions

Challenge groups of children to select suitable materials to create themselves a waterproof shelter.

The den must fit all team members

It needs to have an entrance/exit

It might have more special features limited only by your imagination!

Warn the children that the waterproof property of the shelter will be tested with a watering can full of water or similar!

What You'll Need:

- Trees, railings or posts to which you can attach shelters
- Tarpaulins, shower curtains, sheets, blankets or similar
- Ropes or string
- Pegs, ball bungees or Velcro straps for attaching
- A watering can!

A den-building kit can form part of your continuous provision outdoors and the contents can reflect the stages of the children at your setting. Materials and resources can be added to enhance the learning and varying the equipment and resources will help to develop children's skills.

Follow up ideas:

How can you protect yourself from the sun?

Will you have to move your den through the day?

Use more than one den building kit to create a whole street. Give the children the materials to decorate, number and stylise their houses. This is great for meeting outcomes in **STEM, literacy and art.**

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