Pretend Snow

Have you heard of pretend snow before? It's a great way to have a malleable play material using hair conditioner and bicarbonate of soda. Add the ingredients into a bowl and stir. It's a wonderful silky consistency that children will love to play with.



Making Dens

Do you remember the joy of making a den when you were younger, either outside with the clothes airer or washing line or perhaps behind the back of the sofa? Dens are great for children to develop creativity, architectural skills, design, negotiation and solving problems. Why not allow children to use the cushions off the sofa as building resources.

Plan together, discuss and decide what they'll need! Sheets, blankets, cushions and pegs.

Older children could plan it out and design on paper first? Or even help younger siblings to create their fort, den or cubby hole.

Did you know that when an older, more knowledgable child or adult helps a younger child, and they work things out together, it's called 'sustained shared thinking.' Your children are constantly learning, and the process is called PLAY.

