



LEARNING BENEFIT: KIDS LOVE TO BUILD, BUT DID YOU KNOW WHEN CHILDREN BUILD, THEY DEVELOP THEIR CREATIVE IMAGINATION, PERSISTENCE AND PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS, TOO?

Support your budding Looney Builder's planning, creativity and resilience with this Imagine and Build Box.

So, what's an Imagine and Build Box?

It's a container filled with supplies and clean recyclable materials that your child can use to create, just like the Looney Builders!

1. Get an empty cardboard box or storage bin.
2. Have your little Looney Builder decorate the box with stickers and markers.
3. With your Looney Builder, collect materials to fill up your box: blocks, paper towel rolls, masking tape, pipe cleaners, tissue boxes, cereal boxes, plastic cups, socks - anything goes!
4. Give your budding builder an imaginary construction hat (or a real one) and invite them to **IMAGINE** what they want to build. (If they like, they can draw it first, just like on the show.) The loonier their design, the better.
5. Then **BUILD, BUILD, BUILD!**
6. And if something goes wrong, remind your child that the Looney Builders **FIX** things, too. Keep going until they "get the job done!"

Cartoonito Extra: Having a building crew is half the fun! Invite siblings, friends, cousins, or neighbors to share the box. Can you imagine something together and then work together like the Looney crew to build it?

Here are some ideas to get you started: a wacky water slide, a house for a mouse, a chair for a bear.

Want to learn more about creative imagination? Check out [Dr. Ron Beghetto's tips](#). Dr. Beghetto is Cartoonito's creativity advisor and Pinnacle West Presidential Chair and Professor at Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College at Arizona State University.

