

Classroom inspiration



Letterbox



1. Activity objective

Learn to communicate in a role-play environment by taking on different individual roles.

2. Step by Step

a. Discuss the features of a letterbox and how these materials can be used to represent it. Get students to select materials for their letterbox including boxes, paper tubes, plastic container lids and assorted paper.



b. To create the slot for the letters, use the **makedo safe-saw** and saw a rectangle on the front of the large box.



c. To create a stand for the letterbox, position a long tube beneath the box and use the **makedo safe-saw** to pierce holes for the positioning of the **makedo hinges**. The **makedo hinge** on a 90 degree angle connects the tube to the box and secured with **makedo pins and clips**.



d. Place another box beneath the tube to form a base and repeat steps **b** to connect using **makedo hinges and pins and clips**.

Age group

5-7years

Time

30-40 minutes

Materials

Assorted boxes with lids
Rectangle container lids
Assorted paper tubes
Colourful paper and card
makedo re-clip (pin & clips)
makedo safe-saw

Curriculum links

Drama
Art

Educational benefits

Creativity
Logic
Sorting & organising
Spatial awareness
Composition

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Step by Step (continued)

e. To make the L shape flap on the lid, use the **makedo safe-saw** and pierce a hole on the end of the rectangle lid and the end of the short paper tube. Use **makedo pin and clip** to connect it. Connect this flap onto the lid of the letter-box using **makedo pin and clip**.



f. To complete the creation personalise your letterbox by decorating with assorted colourful card and paper.

3. Class Discussion

🔧 Every household has a letterbox to receive incoming mail. The mail is delivered by the postman and slotted into the slot of the letterbox. Letterboxes often have numbers located at the front so that the correct mail is delivered to the correct house.

🔧 How many main designs of letterboxes are there?

🔧 How are letterboxes in Australia different to letterboxes found in America or in the UK?

🔧 What role does the flap on the letterbox play?

🔧 Sources:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Letter_box

4. What's next

🔧 What other creations can be made with reclaimed materials and **makedo** to complete the role-play? Post-box, post man costume and letters.

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