

ACTIVITY: USING YOUR IMAGINATION

RECOMMENDED AGE: 5 and up

TIME: 10 – 30 minutes

SET-UP: Adults – ensure that you have a clear space for children to move around. We recommend you participate with children the first time you play.

SUPPLIES:

- **4-5 handheld household objects (a spoon, toilet paper holder, blanket, etc.)**

One of the many exciting things that actors do to put on a play is use their imaginations! Often, actors will use different costumes or props to help fuel their imagination to become the characters we see. There are other times when an ordinary object will be transformed by the actors to become something different! Sometimes, actors or objects do not go through a physical transformation to become something else, we just see them used in different ways and our imagination fills in the rest.

The following activity will help you use your imagination to transform objects into other exciting things!

INSTRUCTIONS

1. First, select an object from the ones you have chosen to use in this activity. Take some time to observe the object. You can take note of its size and shape. You could even pick it up to see how heavy it is, or touch it to note its texture.
2. Then, think of all of the different things that this object could become by using your imagination. For example, a large, wooden spoon from your kitchen could become...
 - A fishing pole
 - A magic wand
 - A toy doll
 - An airplane
 - A hairbrush
3. Take turns sharing ideas of what the object could become. When you have an idea, act it out using the object! Continue to do this with all of the objects you have, or challenge yourself to find new objects or combine ones you already used!



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