



COASTERDIYPROJECT

Making the Perfect Playplace

PROJECT TYPE

Decorating

DIFFICULTY

Easy

Play areas can be much more than a swing set and a sandbox. Here are some ideas for making your children's play area interesting and safe.

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Consult your kids. Children have wild imaginations. Approach their fantasies with a can-do attitude instead of a roll of the eyes.

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Include elements that kids can adapt to their own purposes using only their imaginations. Kids can transform a stick and an old box into a pirate ship, but they cannot transform a prefab pirate ship into a dodge ball arena. Strive for versatility.

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Include elements that allow your kids to use their creativity. Whether it's a manufactured play structure, a tree house, a little bridge or a sand play area, try to provide props that the kids can use to build their own games around.

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Include elements that allow your kids to exercise. Swings, climbing structures and ball playing equipment are excellent, but be sure to include a blank area where kids can use simple, movable gear to play a variety of games.

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Make sure that each element you include in the play area is safe. Manufactured play equipment is required to meet Consumer Product Safety Guidelines for construction and installation, so be sure to follow the instructions. If you are building it yourself, adhere to the same standards. Be aware of your potential liability should a playmate be harmed.

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