



# Loose Parts *Wish List*

Here is a list of the sort of items that can be used in a loose parts pit. These might seem like unusual play items, but they can be used in endlessly different ways, allowing children to make anything from an obstacle course, to a racing car, palace or cubby!

## NATURAL

- ☐ Sticks of various sizes
- ☐ Tree stumps
- ☐ Longer large logs
- ☐ Stones/rocks, pebbles of varying textures and sizes
- ☐ Seed pods, cones, nuts
- ☐ Bamboo in whole pieces or sliced in half and hollowed out
- ☐ Vine (that has been pruned)
- ☐ Branches / leaves
- ☐ Sand
- ☐ Woodchips, sawdust
- ☐ Feathers
- ☐ Mud / ochre / dirt / clay
- ☐ Water
- ☐ Dried or fallen flowers
- ☐ Bark: paperbark or palm sheaves or seed hangings
- ☐ Haybales/ straw

**“As long as materials can be moved, redesigned, put together, and taken apart in a variety of ways, they are classified as loose parts”**

- Simon Nicholson, theorist of Loose Parts Play

## RECYCLED

- ☐ Tyres and inner tubes
- ☐ Crates
- ☐ Ropes
- ☐ Tarps and pegs
- ☐ Fabric – curtains, sheets, hessian
- ☐ Ribbon / wool / string
- ☐ Pipes / hose pipes / flexible hose / PVC pipes and fittings
- ☐ Funnels
- ☐ Guttering
- ☐ Pallets
- ☐ Plant pots
- ☐ Kitchenware – e.g. pots, pans, cake tins, spoons, sieves
- ☐ Cardboard boxes and tubes
- ☐ Bricks and blocks
- ☐ Tubs and storage containers
- ☐ Reels - electrical reels plastic or wooden
- ☐ Netting
- ☐ Baskets
- ☐ Electrical conduit and fittings
- ☐ Cloth and calico bags
- ☐ Recycled containers – milk bottles, foil dishes
- ☐ Random interesting objects!