



Let's Build a Playground

This design scheme puts together some of our favorite, time-tested, low-cost elements into a beautiful space that inspires active, imaginative, social, creative, and open-ended play.

Hop onto the balancing standing see-saw, which can accommodate many kids at once. Ahead you'll find the sandpit - a rich sensory environment that promotes fine motor skills, eye and hand coordination, and creativity and imagination. Just behind, you'll find a pretend play scene, complete with a small shop, a couple motorbikes, and a small garden.

Pairing the garden with the sandpit and pretend play area allows kids to add leaves, flowers and sticks from the garden into their sand play, or bring the elements into their shop to "sell." Tucked away under the trees is a line of hammock swings, and steps away is a simple half-tire tire grid that can host an outdoor classroom while also providing hours of fun just jumping to and fro. Simple earth mounds ring the site, creating a sense of enclosure and a super low-cost element to run up and down and up and down.

The site was designed with a small preschool in mind, but it's adaptable to different ages and group sizes. In this design kit you'll find the DIY step-by-step plans for each element, as well tips and advice for adapting the design to your own space and needs.

