

Crates – 4 pack

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We know that settings often use crates but finding ones that are specifically designed to be played with may be challenging. We therefore designed our own crates.

They can be used in so many different learning scenarios and are a wonderfully open-ended resource. Here are some of the ways you might encounter the crates being used.

- The children might simply line them up and sit in them. They may line them up and stand on them. Some children's schematic interests may align to this.
- Children often role play with the crates, turning them into boats, cars, buses, trains, etc. Have accessories to hand such as steering wheels, bells, costumes, etc.
- Make dens. Use a variety of fabrics and ensure the children have access to pegs, tape, etc.
- Some children may make the crates into a shopping area and use the tops as a surface to display goods. They can be anything really from a garage to a castle.
- The crates can be stacked so can be used as part of a giant construction. The children may wish to incorporate other construction materials, such as bricks, pipes, etc. Have boxes with loose parts play equipment, so that they can extend their play.
- Use the crates as part of a water play area. There are specifically designed holes to place guttering in. The children may choose to race cars or balls down the channels.
- Some children may simply enjoy placing things inside the crates. The crates are designed so that they can be accessorised. If they turn the crate into a house they could add furniture etc.
- The crates can be used for weaving. Try using florist's ribbon, tinsel, etc.
- Use as part of a treasure trail. Hide different things underneath the crate and ask the children to go and discover what is there.