

IMAGINATIVE PLAY ICE CREAM SHOP

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Welcome to our Ice Cream Shop!!

The fun and joy of exploring the imaginary world of an ice cream shop.

Today I am sharing some ideas for setting up an imaginative play ice cream shop.

Setting up:



Kids have a great imagination and really don't mind what props they use for their imaginative play, as they will improvise and pretend one object to be something else. For our ice cream shop we used a book shelf ([Our Play Room Ideas](#)) covered with a sheet as the serving counter, a table in the restaurant for eating the ice cream, pretend money ([Bottle Top Money](#)), pompoms for pretend ice cream, small serving spoons, patty pans to imitate ice cream cups and a little cash register.

You can't have an ice cream shop without an ice cream stand! We used a small box covered with plain paper to make the stand. I carefully pressed 6 holes into the box with scissors, twisting to make the holes bigger. We then neaten up the holes by folding sticky tape over the rough edges as seen in the photo.

To make the ice cream cones we folded brown paper into cone shapes and sticky taped it together. The large pompoms are great for pretend ice cream but you can alternatively use scrunched up crepe or tissue paper.

Learning benefits & DRDP:

- Develop social skills: practicing negotiation skills, turn taking and sharing. **ATL-7, SED 4**
- Emotional development: Understanding and expressing their feelings through the re-enactment of certain experiences. Taking on roles that encourage discipline and empathy. **SED 2; SED 4, SED 5**
- Develop language skills: **LLD 1, LLD 2, LLD 3, LLD 4, LLD 6, LLD 9, LLD 10**
- Introduces and familiarizes kids with money, value and the concept of trading. **COG 3, COG 4**