

# I'VE GOT A CARDBOARD BOX

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## CHALLENGE

Find as many empty cardboard boxes as you can in the house – the bigger the better. Can you make any of the following from what you've found?

- A cardboard guitar
- A car
- A castle
- A marble run
- An indoor dog house/pet home
- A rocket
- Large letters to spell your name

## TALK ABOUT

**Where you would like to go** if you could make a car/rocket/boat out of a cardboard box. Describe what it's like in as much detail as you can...

“YOU CAN'T USE  
UP CREATIVITY.  
THE MORE YOU  
USE, THE MORE  
YOU HAVE.”  
Maya Angelou

## DID YOU KNOW?

Sir Malcolm Thornhill produced the first commercial cardboard box in England in 1817. Nowadays, **the UK produces five billion cardboard boxes every year.** This is equal to a stunning 83 boxes per individual – that is a lot of cardboard!

Living in cardboard boxes is generally associated with homelessness. But in 2004, the architect Peter Ryan, from Melbourne, designed and built a liveable house made mostly from cardboard boxes.

Song taken from  
*My World Toys & Games*  
By various writers

