

# MAKING FAMILY LIFE MORE FUN

## Combat Cabin Fever With These Fun And Easy Indoor Play Ideas

(NAPSA)—When outdoor playtime is impossible due to bad weather, it's important for parents to have a few fun activities in their bag of tricks. To weather the storm and thwart cries of "I'm bored!," here are a few suggestions to help divert your toddler's pent-up energy:

- **Indoor Camping**—Gather old curtains, tablecloths or bed-sheets, tuck them in the cracks of couch cushions, and tie them to the coffee-table legs to create an awesome indoor tent. Give kids a flashlight and some books and they will spend a happy afternoon reading, singing and telling stories inside their pretend camp.

- **PLAY-DOH**—Whether building imaginary worlds or exploring new shapes and textures, there are endless possibilities for creatable, colorful, make-able fun with PLAY-DOH compound.

For example, the PLAY-DOH Spaghetti Factory play set will have kids "cooking" up an impressive variety of PLAY-DOH pasta and noodle creations. Simply place the bowl or plate atop the noodle factory, push down the arms and a big portion of "pasta" appears. Add yummy-looking PLAY-DOH toppings such as "meatballs," "tomatoes" or "shrimp" using the selection of handy half-molds.

Kids will go "nuts" over the cute PLAY-DOH Coco-Nutty Monkey play set. Press down on the monkey's tail and watch his hands "clap" two



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coconut halves together to mold "bananas," "pineapples" or mini-monkeys. The colorful chimp also has wacky, giggle-inducing, extruding hair and tongue features. Both sets are available at most major toy retailers nationwide and online at [www.HasbroToyShop.com](http://www.HasbroToyShop.com). Each sold separately.

- **Sticker Fun**—Here's a unique way to turn magazine pictures, wrapping paper or comic book cutouts into customized stickers. Mix together 1 teaspoon flavored gelatin and 2 teaspoons boiling water in a small bowl until gelatin is dissolved. Let the mixture cool about one minute. With a small brush, brush a thin coat of warm sticker solution on the back of each picture cutout. When dry, you can lick the stickers and stick them on paper or glass. It works just like a real stamp.