

CAR
WASH
TIME!!!



Car Wash Time

project pack – toddlers and preschoolers

Take on the role of a car owner or car wash business worker and discover the world around you from creating a dramatic play centre car wash service, to designing and building a handcrafted car wash, to washing toy cars and to making soap. This pack is part of a growing bundle of Project Packs. I created this resource for the members of the celebratePLAY community as a tool to support them with daily PLAY in their homes.

In this resource you will find:

- 1 x STEAM Idea
- 1 x Dramatic PLAY Idea
- 1 x Sensory PLAY Idea
- 1 x Science Idea
- A series of printable resources from walls that teach displays (word wall) to table learning resources to exploring dramatic play when going on a scavenger hunt.
- A weekly PLAY Planner to plan out the week using these resources.

Our PLAY ideas in this pack are nothing new, they are simple, quick and easy play ideas to boost imagination, creativity, Science concepts, Language and Literacy and explore the world around us while nurturing the flow of PLAY (by having a project to investigate over time).

I hope this resource is helpful when boosting daily play and nurturing the flow of PLAY in your home.

love xx

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Hi there!! I'm Erin, teacher (EC and Primary), Mum (of 2), wife, smoothie obsessed, organisational nerd and soon to be your greatest PLAYmate...the one that will share:

- play ideas with you
- the one that will support you in creating play systems and play spaces that fit YOUR life
- the playmate that will celebrate the PLAY wins with YOU and
- the one that will empower YOU to totally rock this motherhood PLAY gig thing - it's a REAL *thing*♡.

play notes

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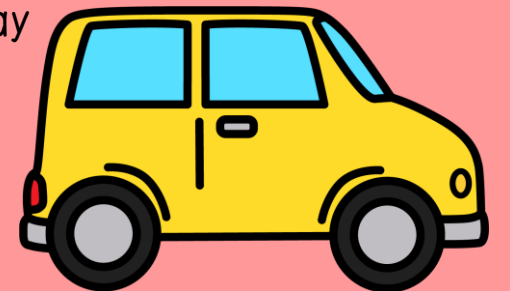
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Happy *play*ing!!



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NAME!

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car wash



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car service



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Car Wash Time Word Cards

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craft

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cardboard

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build

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draw



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label



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construct



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paper



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glue



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make



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scrub



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bubbles



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clean



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towel



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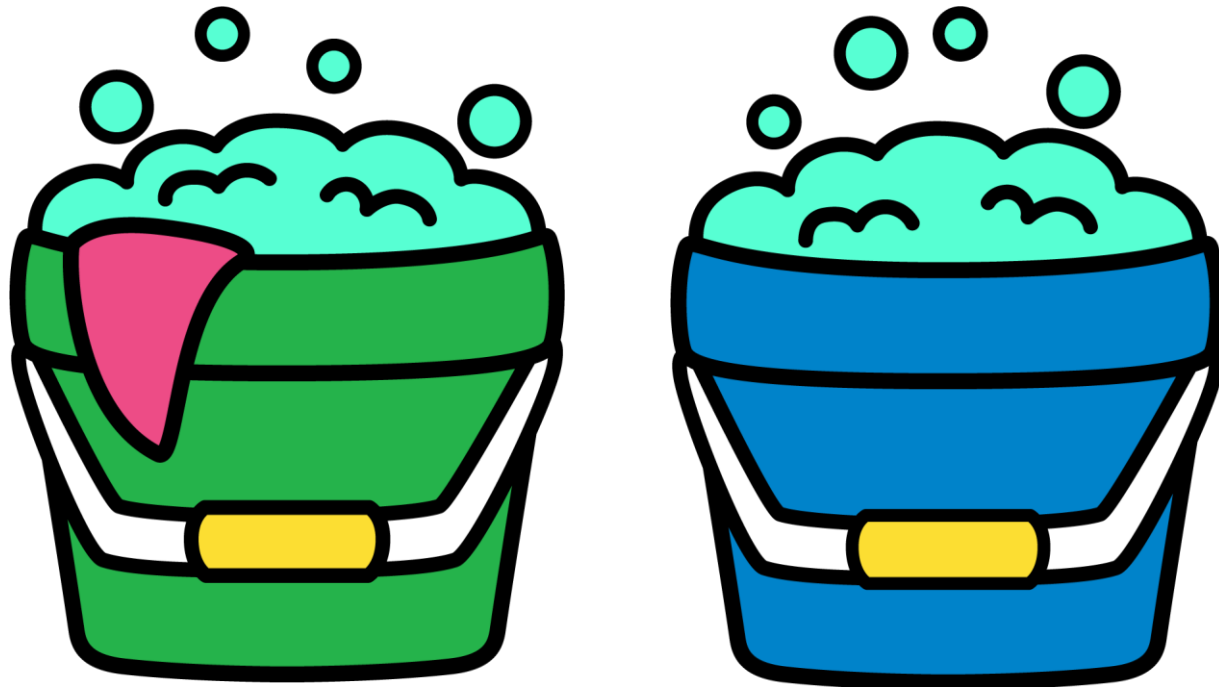
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Car Wash Time #1

STEAM PLAY



You will need:

- Recycled Materials
 - Tape
 - Scissors
 - Glue
 - Chux Cloth
- Empty container to make detergent
 - Sponge
 - Towel

METHOD

1. Design and build a car wash using the recycled materials collected.
2. Think about the structure of a car wash and the features it has in real life.
3. Have a look at the size of the vehicles you have to ensure they fit in the car wash.
4. Print the detergent label/s below and secure to the empty container.
5. Collect a sponge.
6. Take photos and display on the car wash.

Adult Supervision is required at all times.



Print any of these labels and attach to an empty container and use as a pretend detergent prop when washing the cars – either manual wash or through the built car wash machine.

Detergent

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You will need:

- Car Wash
- Vehicles
- People figurines or soft toys

METHOD

1. Set up the car wash built from the previous activity.
2. Print word cards and display them in the same area as the car wash service.
3. Set people figurines or soft toys with their vehicles and line them up for the car wash.
4. Roll cars through the car wash pretending to wash them.
5. Use the pretend detergent, sponge and towel to wash and dry cars.

Extension Idea – introduce money to pay for the service.

5. Take photos and display them with the word cards.

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Coins are a choking hazard.

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Dramatic PLAY



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Sensory PLAY



You will need:

- Bucket
- Water – optional to add detergent to make it soapy
- Sponge
- Towel

METHOD

1. Run water (optional with detergent) into a bucket.
2. Collect plastic vehicles for washing
3. Place vehicles into the water and use the sponge to wash them.
4. Place vehicles on a towel or use a towel to dry them.

Extension Idea – use a rag for a pretend polish after vehicles are dry.

5. Take photos and display them on the wall display. Refer to words on the wall when relevant to the play. Discuss what these words mean and can look like.

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Bubbles PLAY

Science PLAY

You will need:

- Bubble wands
- Bubble Mixture

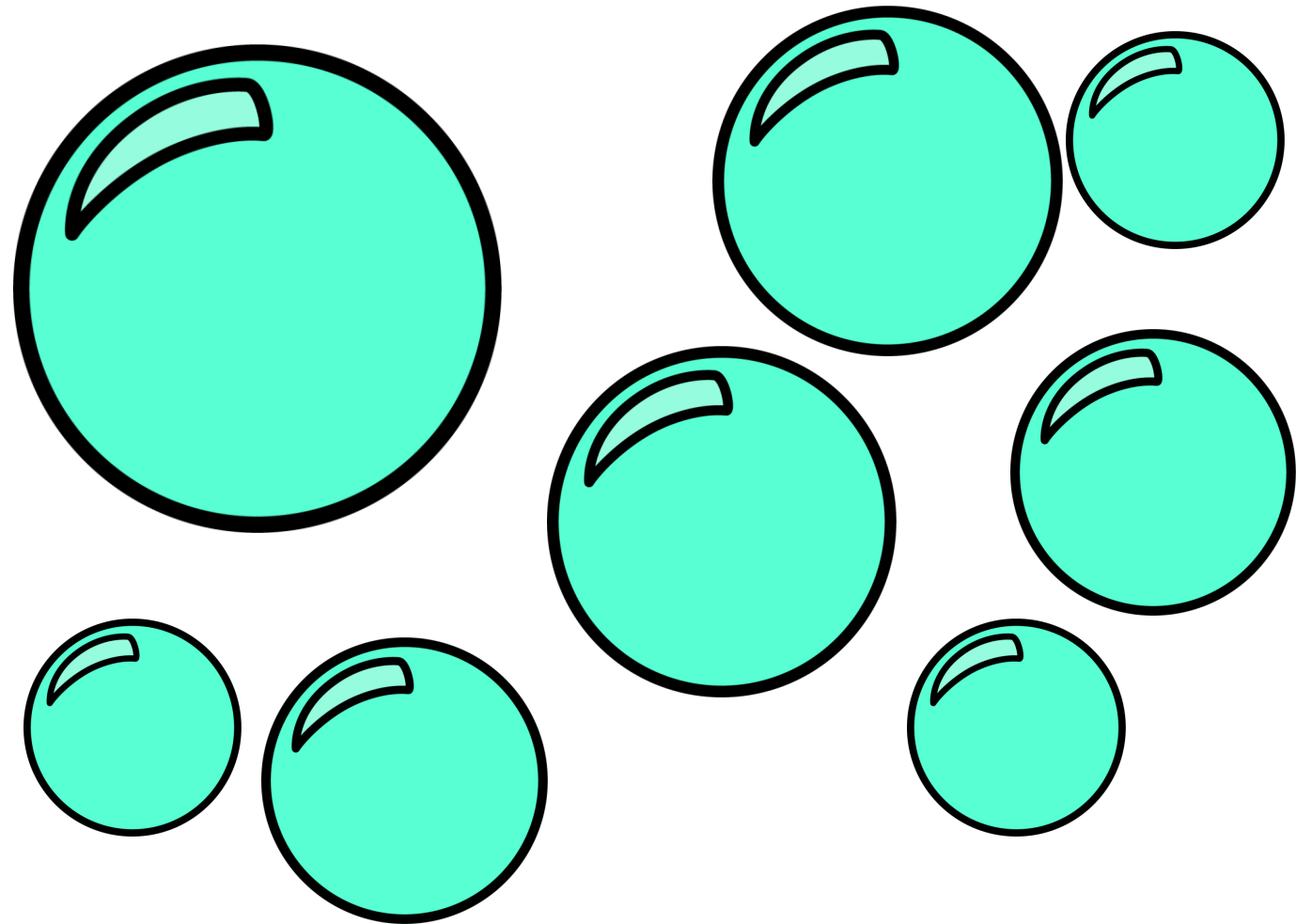
METHOD

1. Collect bubble wands (variety will add to the experience).
2. Dip the bubble wand into the bubble mixture and wave or blow bubbles.
3. Chase the bubbles, pop the bubbles, talk about the bubbles.
4. Discuss the scientific side of bubbles eg. how bubbles are made

Bubbles are pockets of soap and water that are filled with air. When soap and water are mix air is blown into the mixture, the soap forms a thin barrier and traps the air, creating a bubble.

5. Take photos and add these to the wall display. Embrace and celebrate these moments spent together in play.

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Tea Party Time

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