

# Christmas Time!!

*investigative project play bundle*



**Project PLAY Pack - Toddlers, Preschoolers +  
Early Schoolers**

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Take on the role of a Toy Shop owner, cookie maker & card creator and discover the world around you from designing a Toy shop, to making Christmas cookies following a recipe, to creating your own Christmas Card set.

This pack is part of a growing bundle of Project PLAY 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 Dramatic PLAY Idea
- 1 x Cooking Idea
- 1 x Art and Craft Idea
- 1 x Sensory PLAY Idea
- A series of printable resources from walls that teach displays (word cards) to table learning resources.
  - A weekly PLAY Planner to plan out the week using these resources.

Our PLAY ideas in this pack are nothing new, they are a series of simple and fun projects to work on over an extended period of time. Learners will apply knowledge and understanding by investigating an engaging and meaningful question .

I hope this resource is helpful when boosting daily play and has your little one's eyes sparkle with joy .

*erin xx*

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*about erin*

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\*<sup>♥</sup>.

*play notes*

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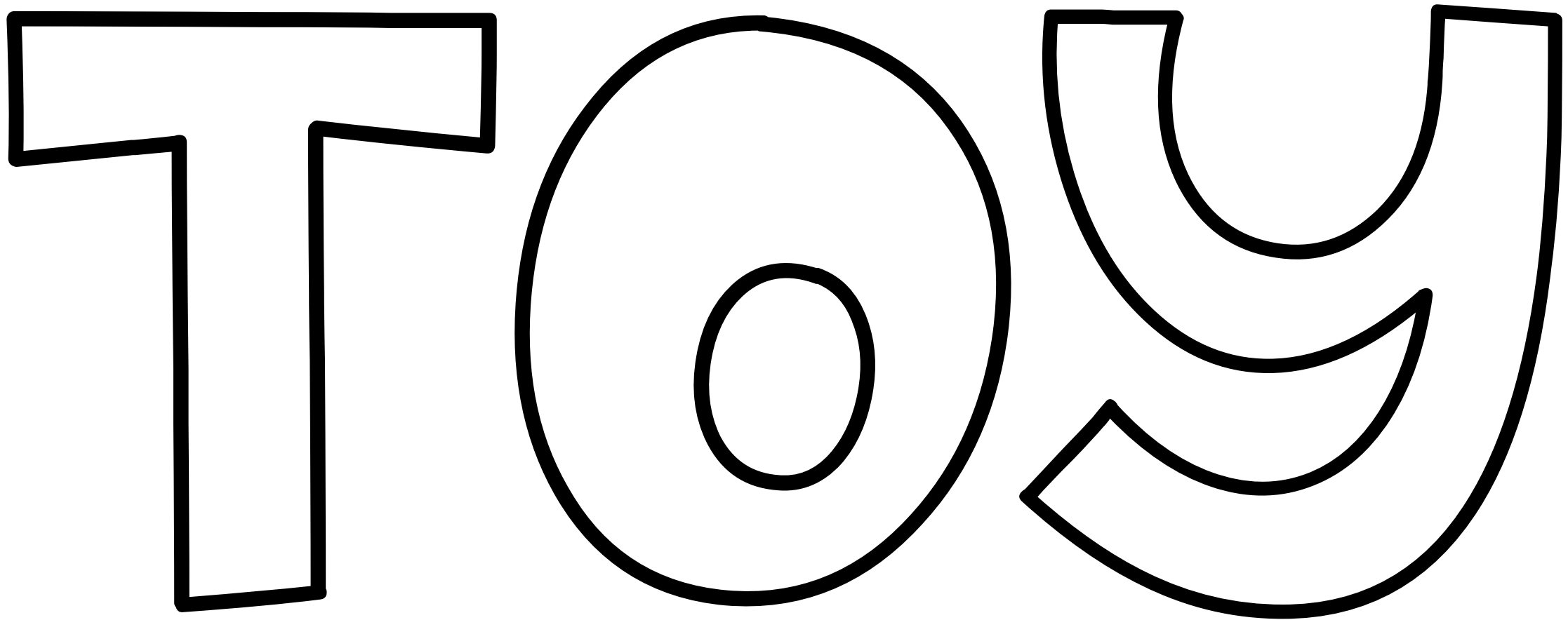


# Christmas Time Investigative Question

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How can I explore Christmas through PLAY?

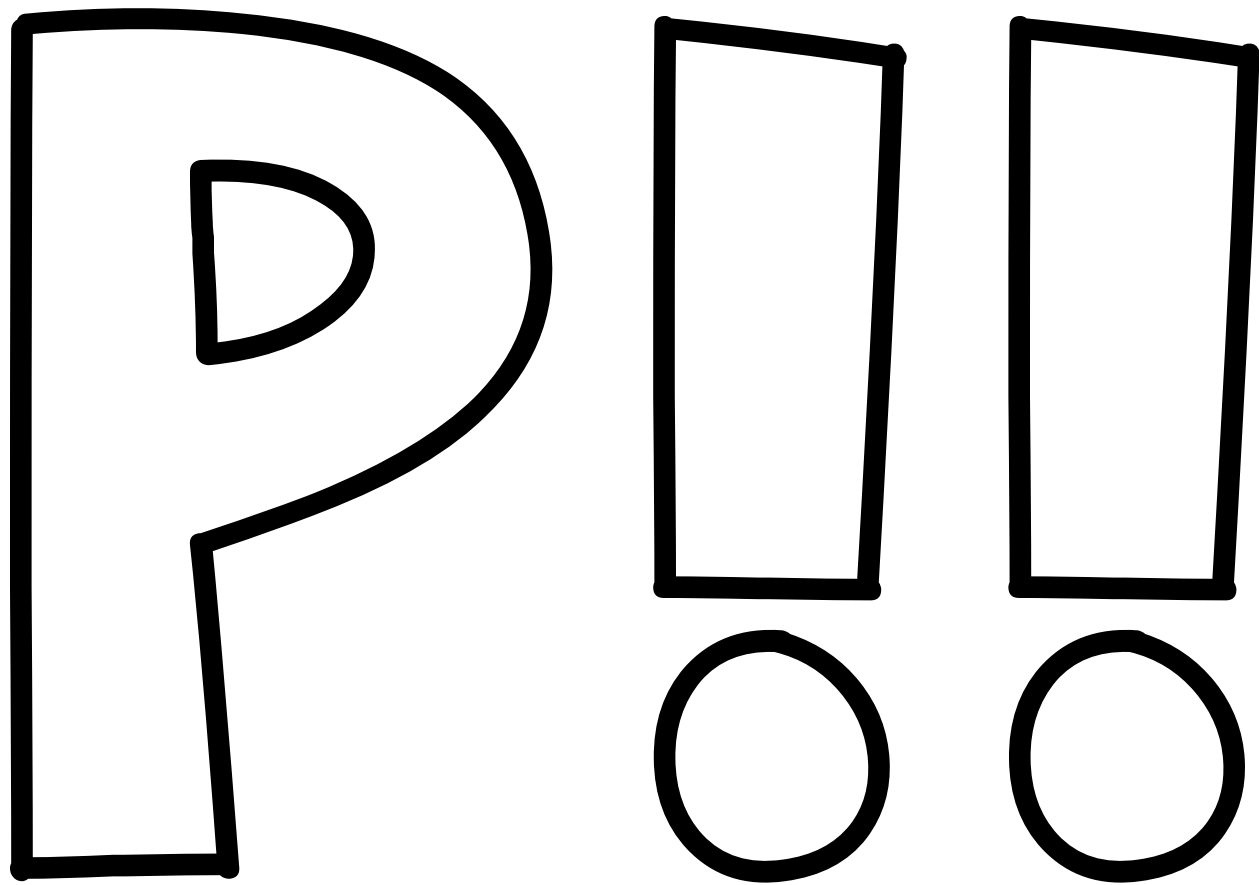




Print on coloured cardstock to create your very own coloured letters to use as a banner.

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toys



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parts



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toy shelf



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money



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## Christmas Time Word Cards

Print on paper and laminate for durability to create your very own card set.



gingerbread

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pinch

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squish

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bake

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roll

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cookies

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**Christmas Time Word Cards**

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craft



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red



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thin



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green



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long



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slippery



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## Christmas Time Word Cards

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# Christmas Time #1

## Dramatic PLAY



You will need:

- Toy Shop Banner
- Table and chairs
- Toys (your own choice)
- Empty boxes wrapped for pretend presents
- Shop front on a table

### METHOD

1. Design a Toy Shop front on paper using the suggested materials above.
2. Print the wrapping papers below and wrap empty cardboard boxes..
3. Set up a Toy Shop following the design.
4. Engage in pretend play to pretend sell toys at a shop front.

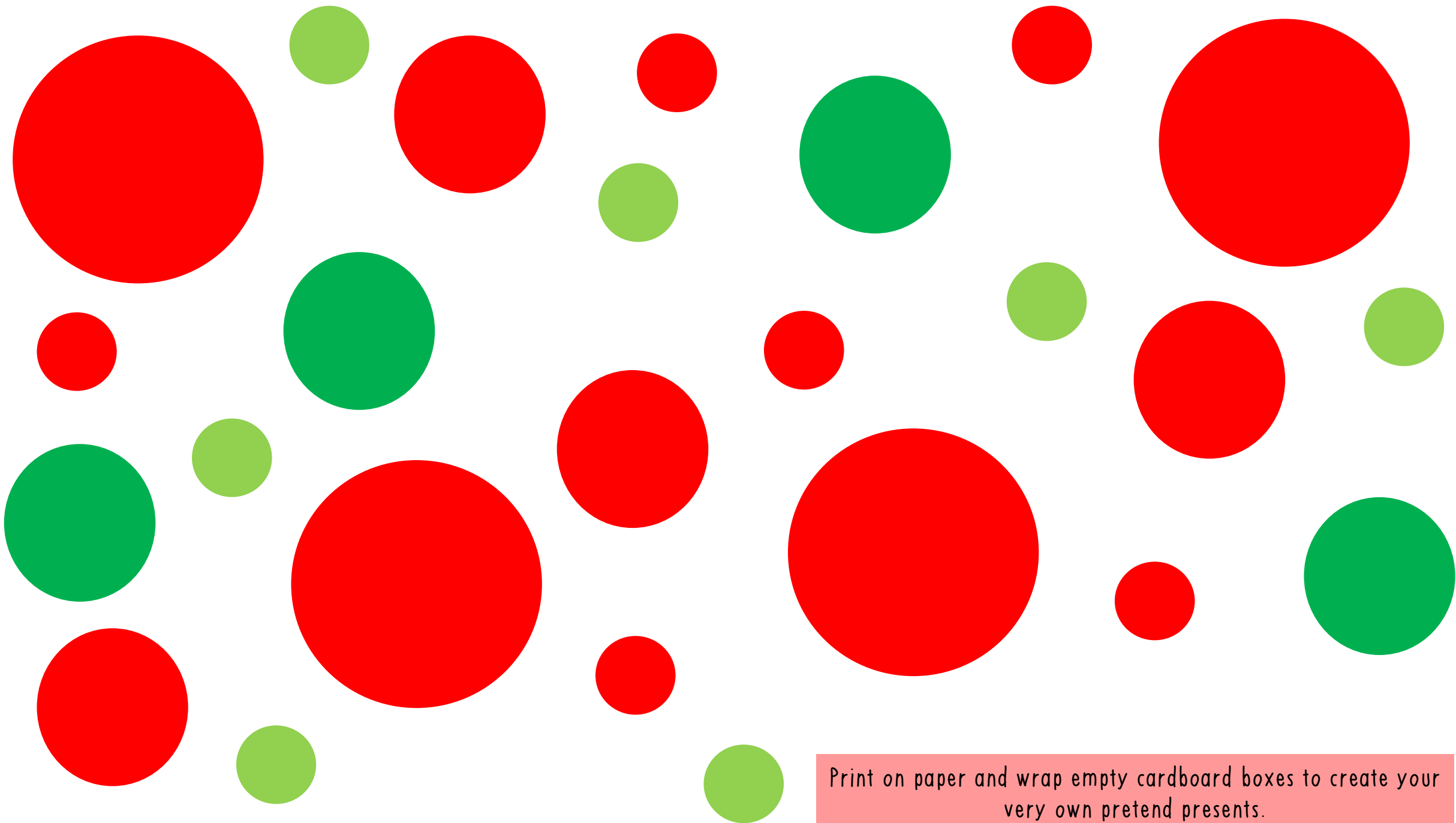
Extension Idea – add a cash register and money for increased authenticity and an element of numeracy.

5. Refer to the investigation question – How can I explore Christmas through PLAY?

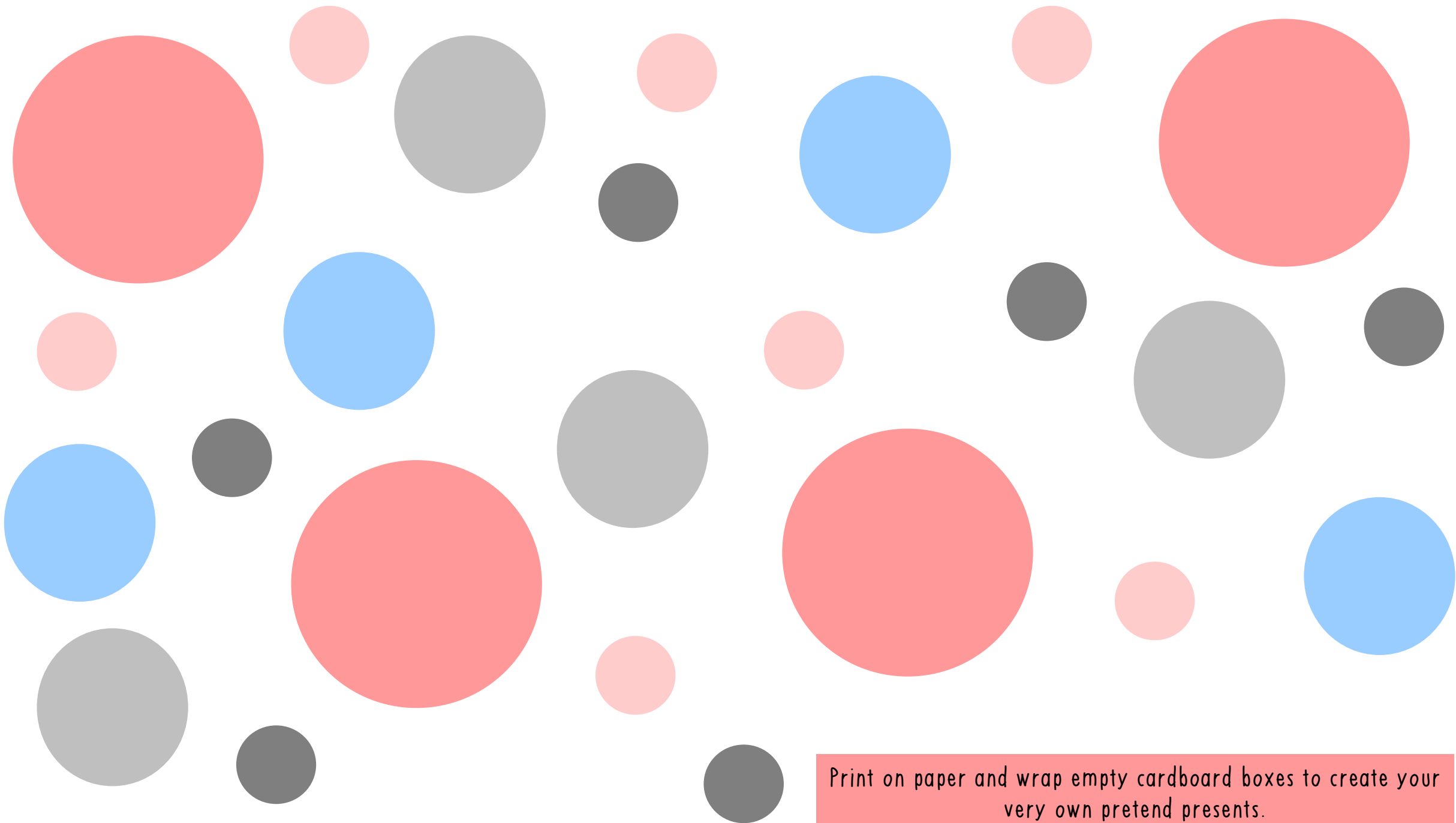
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# Toy Shop Design





Print on paper and wrap empty cardboard boxes to create your very own pretend presents.



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# Christmas Time #2

Star shaped Shortbread Cookies by [VJ Cooks](#)

You will need:

- 150g salted butter, softened
- ½ cup icing sugar, 75g
- ½ cup cornflour, 75g
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- 1 cup plain flour, 150g
- White chocolate, melted
- Sprinkles to decorate

## METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to 160°C fan bake.
2. Cut the butter into cubes and add to the bowl of a mixer. Add the icing sugar and beat for a few minutes until pale and fluffy.
3. Sift in the cornflour, cinnamon and flour. Mix on low until it forms a fine crumb. Press the dough into a ball and knead a few times on the bench.
4. Roll the dough out to a 1cm thickness. Use a star shaped cookie cutter to cut into shapes.
5. Carefully transfer to a lined baking tray and bake for 15 minutes until starting to brown on the edges but still soft.
6. Once the shortbread has cooled, dip each one in the melted chocolate and spoon over the sprinkles.
7. Once the chocolate has firmed up, serve or store in an airtight container for later.
8. Refer to the investigation question – How can I explore Christmas through PLAY?

Recipe courtesy of Vanya from [VJ Cooks](#)

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# Christmas Time #3

Art + Craft Idea - Card Making



You will need:

- Cardboard – A4 or A5 size
  - Markers
  - Crayons
  - Stickers
- Christmas Pictures
  - Glue
  - Scissors

## METHOD

1. Fold card pieces in halves to make a set of cards.
2. Decorate the covers with chosen materials.
3. Write messages on the inside addressed to your family and/or friends.
4. Leave to dry
5. Refer to the Investigation question - How can I explore Christmas in different ways?
6. Take photos and hang them in the Toy Shop.
7. Refer to the investigation question – How can I explore Christmas through PLAY?

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# Christmas Time #4

## Sensory PLAY

You will need:

- Floor Mat ([Rudie Nudie](#))
  - Spaghetti
  - Food Colouring
    - Oil
- Fine motor Tools

### 1.METHOD

1. Cook spaghetti al dente in a pot of boiling water.
2. Drain spaghetti.
3. Put into a snaplock bag with a few drops of food colouring..
4. Shake until colour desired colour is reached.
5. Add some oil to help spaghetti not become sticky.
6. Refer to the investigation question – How can I explore Christmas through PLAY?

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# Playdough Time

## Investigative Question

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### How can I explore Christmas through PLAY?

Write and/or draw how you used investigated Christmas in your home.



# Weekly PLAY Planner



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning
Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon
Evening	Evening	Evening	Evening	Evening	Evening	Evening

Plan ahead and schedule block in Christmas PLAY this month.

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# Playdough Time

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