Playing with Props
Best for ages 3-10

Skills Development:
Creative thinking • language development • body awareness • problem solving • following directions
large motor skills • cooperative play

Vocabulary:
Transform
Structure
Doorway
Showerhead
Reflecting Pond

Use your imagination and a prop to create different scenes.
- Can you transform a sheet into a tent? What can you find to help you create the STRUCTURE? Can you make your tent big enough to sit in?
- Can you transform a sheet into a picnic blanket? How would you "act out" setting up a picnic? What imaginary objects will you bring?
- What else can you imagine to turn your sheet into? Brainstorm a list with your friends and act it out!

Can you pretend that a hula hoop is something else?
- Can it be the sun, rising and setting?
- Can it be a DOORWAY, a SHOWERHEAD, a REFLECTING POND, a bear cave, etc.
- Brainstorm more ideas to act out!
Ideas for Props:

- Bucket
- Shoebox
- Sock
- Wooden Spoon
- Plastic Cup
- Set of Keys
- Straw
- Basket
- Pool Noodle
- Plastic Flowers
- Yardstick
- Umbrella
- Picture Frame
- Baseball Hat
- Paper Clip
- Shell
- Sheet of Paper
- Ball

![Prop examples]

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