

# Float a Boat!

**Age:** 5+ years old

**Water Safety Message:** Learn about different objects that float in water, like boats, and how some objects may be used for rescues

Please ensure you are following [supervision requirements](#).

Recommended: Children under 5 remain within arm's reach, Children under 10 are actively supervised.

Never take your eyes off children around water.

## Materials:

- tub of water or area with water (sink, bathtub, pool)
- craft materials such as paint, stickers, ribbon
- recycled materials such as plastic water bottles, aluminium foil, polystyrene, corks, margarine or ice cream containers.



## Instructions to create a boat:

Provide your child with a range of materials or send your child around the home to explore different materials that float and sink.

Once they have collected some floating or buoyant materials, challenge them to design an innovative boat that will float in the kitchen sink, bathtub or backyard pool. This will even develop your child's awareness of different floating objects and some that could be used in a throw rescue, such as large and empty sealed containers, large foam objects etc.

Once your child has designed, developed and decorated their boat, test it out in an area of water to see if it really does float. Can your boat carry people or objects, and still stay afloat?