

## Getting organised 2

### Learning and development area - Active learning

Involving children in the organisation of resources helps them learn how to independently manage and organise the materials they need for learning.

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*(Refer to 'Active learning', p. 53, in the Queensland kindergarten learning guideline, Queensland Studies Authority 2010.)*

Your child can learn and play more independently when spaces and materials are well organised. They can also pack away resources more easily. Inexpensive storage solutions can be created using everyday items found in your home, such as plastic containers, cartons or boxes.

#### Ideas for storage

- Large plastic containers, cardboard boxes, baskets and shoe boxes can be used for storing many items.
- Plastic containers, cups, bases of cut off milk containers/ cartons, magazine holders, desk organisers/trays, pencil cases, envelopes and zip lock bags can be used to store smaller items.
- Small squeeze bottles, ice-cream containers, yoghurt or margarine containers, cups or tins can be used to store art resources.
- Woven baskets or canvas shopping bags can be hung from hooks on the wall (e.g. to store dress up items).
- An old shoe rack or wicker baskets can be used to store books.
- Shelves and cupboards can be used to store containers or baskets.
- Create 'activity boxes' (e.g. archive boxes) to hold materials not being used. Label and stack the boxes to save space and set up time.

#### Encourage your child to look after their learning space

- Involve your child in setting up spaces and storing materials so that they know where items are kept.
- Try to store things within your child's reach.
- Label the containers. Write the contents (and use a photo or picture) on a piece of card and attach with clear contact to the container.