

Maximising the play value of your equipment - creative accessory ideas to promote versatility within the playground

With increasing demands on funds schools, nurseries and local authorities want to ensure that the play equipment offers real value for money.

Good playground equipment can facilitate a range of play activities with minimal modification. Having a box containing some essentials will massively enhance the play opportunities that a piece of playground equipment affords.

A box of accessories is only limited by your imagination, but here are some suggestions....

- Large sheets to make dens
- Pieces of brightly coloured chiffon to make flags, curtains etc from
- Crates or other blocks to make stepping stones
- Thin planks of wood to make balancing beams
- Pieces of guttering to make channels to roll balls or pour water down.
- Canes to act as flag poles
- Balls to roll, throw or catch
- Long cardboard tubes to act as flag poles or limbo bars etc

Such items can be sourced from your local scrap store or you could consider a scrap pod to compliment the play opportunities provided by the static play equipment.

Adapting fixed play equipment need not be expensive, a hook here and there to hang things from and even some rope tied thoughtfully can open up a range of play patterns that children would not have thought of before.

Children often need very little encouragement to adapt their play and use their imagination. A few props and the freedom to use them creatively and children will amaze adults with the range of play patterns they develop.

Adventure Play Equipment



Different styles of Setter Play units offer imagination stimuli as well as different activity challenges. The shapes of the units lend themselves perfectly to flexible adaptive play

