

# **Dramatic Play Prop Box**

Children learn through dramatic play. When dressing up or playing in the Dramatic Play Area, children try on various roles to help them process and understand their world. In turn, they develop social skills and the ability to play with others, while using their imagination and being creative.

### The Beach

blankets	beach towel
picnic basket	buckets and shovels
beach umbrella	shells
sunglasses	lawn chairs
beach ball	straw hats
pretend suntan lotion	play picnic foods

#### **Flower Shop**

plastic flowers small garden tool spotting soil watering can seeds vases florist smock Garden gloves order book pen

# Veterinarian

stuffed animals plastic gloves cotton balls play money gauze exam table pet carriers surgical masks empty bottles animal pamphlets stethoscope

# **Fire Fighter**

yellow rubber raincoats
boots
old vacuum hose

whistle fire hats flashlight

# **Tourist / Vacation**

suitcases tickets sunglasses maps

Hawaiian shirts passports travelers checks/money

postcards travel magazines camera

cash register/money phone plastic pots magazines garden hats

**Beach Boys music** swimming caps

surfboard Snorkels fins flip flops

pet brushes white lab coat magnifying glass

fire safety posters walkie-talkies/phone

gloves

#### **Bakery**

fresh play dough measuring spoons rolling pins aprons oven mitts cookie sheets

# Post Office

envelopes postcards stamps (seals/stickers) boxes or packages duffle bag junk mail pictures of baked goods chefs hat muffin tins cake pans mixing bowls

mailbox scale mailperson hat stickers paper punch

Fishing

boat (box)	sinkers/bobbers	binoculars
plastic worms	fishing hat	fishing magazines
net	pole	camera
tackle box	fish (w/ magnets)	thermos

### **House Painter**

smockspaintoldpaint brushesragsstepaint rollerspaint trayscobuckets of watercap

# **Camping / Forest Ranger**

canteen flashlight tent grill fake campfire sticks w/ marshmallow nature books food supplies sleeping bags thermos fishing poles binoculars

# Astronaut

helmet air tank earphones globe control panel moonboots flag moon rocks cake decorators order pads recipes cookie cutters flour shaker cupcake papers

cash register old blue shirt cash register pens, pencils, paper

old shirts step ladder color sample wheels

fly swatter plastic ants small cooler lawn furniture orange vests paper plates

walkie-talkies star decals a rocket ship food in plastic bags

#### **Optometrist**

eye chart pointer glasses table mirror white lab coat glass cases wooden spoon pictures of eyes

#### **Jewelry Store**

old jewelry necklaces bracelets play money display case cash register jewelry boxes mall mirrors

#### Shoe Store

lots of shoes shoe boxes cash register play money ruler or foot measurer shoestrings shoe horn sacks pictures of shoes hook w/ service numbers small chairs full-length mirror shoe polish (empty) order pad

#### **Doctor / Nurse**

Surgical hat masks/bootieswhite apronsstethoscopesmall flashlightcotton ballshot water bottleband aidsgauzetelephonerubber glovesscaledolls/doll beds

Police Officer

pad for writing ticketslicense plates911 sigsmall clipboardblue shirtblack bpolice hatwalkie-talkiesteeringstop signsbadgewhistle

#### Wedding

white dresses veil or lace curtain bride magazines wedding cake rings bow ties flowers paper to make invites white dress up shoes suit empty bottle hospital gown doctor bag x-rays thermometer note pad/files old crutches

911 signs black belt steering wheel whistle

decorations black clergy robe wedding pictures camera "Just Married" sign

# **Hair Stylist**

plastic combs mirrors hairpins rollers spray bottles barrettes appointment book plastic capes brushes hair dryer magazines play money curling irons empty shampoo bottles

ribbons posters of hair styles telephone hair clips wigs/wig heads towels headbands

Note: things used on hair must be sanitized after use by children.

# **Office Worker**

desk name plate old forms/files typewriter briefcase memo pad

phones/phone books paper/pens/pencils calculator stamps old computer

stapler paperclips junk mail pen holder rolodex

# **Police Officer**

pad for writing tickets	license plates	911 signs
small clipboard	blue shirt	black belt
police hat	walkie-talkie	steering wheel
stop signs	badge	whistle

# **Grocery Store**

cash register play food aprons check out area play money egg cartons sale flyers paper bags grocery cart/basket coupons

# Car Wash

tricycles buckets water

# Pizza Parlor

discarded pizza boxes play money order pad phones

buckets sponges squeegees

> bakery aprons cash register stove play pizza cutter

purses/wallets plastic fruit/vegetables

hose car wash signs play money

> prep area cardboard circles (pizzas) with felt on one side felt toppings - green peppers, etc

play money	adding machine/calculator	rubber stamps/ink pads
deposit slips/checks	teller window	paper/pens
bankbooks	cash box	coin rolls

# **Ice Cream Parlor**

ice cream scoops cones	play money/cash register	wipe-off board
empty ice cream tubs	apron and hat	menu
	order pads/pencils	

# Other prop box ideas

Science Lab	School	New Baby	Bear Cave
Farmer	Dancer	Carpenter	Reporter
Music Store	Conductor	Pilot	Maid Magician
Repair Shop	Book Store	Library	Fast Food Drive-thru
Picnic	Dentist	The Circus	Pet Shop
Birthday Party	Travel Agency	Movie Theater	The Zoo
Weatherman			