



Mission

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Build
a fort

Construct a comfy castle, then name it, make a flag, invent a password and celebrate its grand opening with some games. It looks like you have a busy day ahead of you, Captain.

Good news, Captain

The fort plans are complete. You can begin construction as soon as you've gathered the building materials. You'll need a **blanket**, **two chairs**, a **pile of books** and **some big cushions** (ideally from a sofa).

A drawing of a fort we made earlier



Fort plans

1. Choose a sturdy wall or bed to use as the back wall of your fort. Clear a patch of floor space in front of it.
2. Place two chairs with their backs opposite each other to make the two side walls.
3. Lean some big cushions on the inside of the three walls.
4. Drape a big blanket or sheet over the chairs and put books on top to keep it in place.
5. Decorate the inside of your grand new fort.

Things to go inside

- Pillows
- Soft duvet
- Treasure box (see Mini Mission Four)
- Colouring pencils plus paper
- Twinkly lights
- Torch (extra shiny, if possible)
- Secret snacks
- Good books



Name your fort

What would be an exciting and memorable name for the fort, Captain?

1. To make a sign, cut along the dotted lines.

3. Stick the sides together with glue or tape.

5. Thread a piece of string through both holes and tie the ends together.

2. Fold the paper in half along the pink line.


4. Write down the name of the fort and everyone who helped to build it.

6. Hang the sign in front of your fort.

Welcome to

This fort was built by

Remember to colour and
decorate your sign



Protect your fort

Invent a secret language by replacing letters of the alphabet with made-up symbols. Here are some ideas...

A = @ B = Δ C = Σ

A = □ B = □ C = □ D = □ E = □ F = □ G = □
H = □ I = □ J = □ K = □ L = □ M = □ N = □
O = □ P = □ Q = □ R = □ S = □ T = □ U = □
V = □ W = □ X = □ Y = □ Z = □

Now you can write messages in code to give your fort a password. For example...

Code: Σ @ Δ

(which means the password is CAB)

My fort's password

(written in code)

Handy extra security

Create a secret handshake to lock up the fort double-tight.

Classic moves

- High five
- Jazz hands
- Finger click
- Twirl round
- Toe tap

Fly your flag

1. Cut around the dotted lines.

2. Draw and colour in a unique flag design.



3. Find a good stick to put here.



4. Fold this flap over the stick.

5. Use sticky tape to stick the stick in place (pew, that got our tongue in a twist).

The grand opening...

When the fort is complete, the activities and games shall begin.

Object hunt

1. Pick five memorable objects.
2. Hide the objects around the house while the finders wait in the fort with their eyes closed.
3. Finders race to locate and bring the objects back to the fort.

WINNER:

Whoever finds the most.

NEXT ROUND:

Winner adds another object to find

Memory game

1. Put 10 different objects on a tray.
2. Look at them for one minute, then cover.
3. Write down as many as you can remember.

WINNER:

Whoever remembers the most.

NEXT ROUND:

Winner adds another object to the tray.

Guessing game

1. Choose five interesting objects.
2. Put one of the objects in a bag.
3. The guesser places their hand in the bag and feels the object (no peeking).
4. The guesser writes down what they think it is.
5. The other guessers feel the object and write down their answers.
6. Repeat with the rest of the objects.

WINNER:

Whoever writes the most correct objects.



Make a call

1. Find two yoghurt pots (or a similar carton).
2. Pierce a small hole at the bottom of each pot.
3. Thread the end of a piece of string through one hole.
4. Tie the end of the string to a paperclip.
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 with the other end of the string.
6. Pull the string tight and swap secret messages.



Why not cut around the dotted lines, put the activities in a hat and pick one at random? You could even add your own ideas.

Photograph your fort

Well Captain, you did it.
Congratulations. It's time to mark
this important moment with a
photo, which you can frame and
hang in your fort (or bedroom).

For a chance to
win an exciting prize
share your photo using
#BodenMiniMissions
or upload it to the gallery at
boden.com/mini-missions

3. Thread a 45cm piece of string through
both holes and tie the ends together.

1. Cut along the
dotted lines and
decorate your frame.

2. Print your fort photo
(or draw a picture)
13cm x 13cm and stick
it behind your frame.

Decoration ideas

- Felt tips
- Paints
- Stickers
- Stamps
- Sequins
- Colouring pencils
- Feathers
- Glitter
- Leaves and flowers