



Prop Box Ideas

Astronaut: helmet, costume, moon rocks, space ship (painted boxes), flag, space blanket (silver emergency blanket works nicely), pictures of astronauts, constellation posters, dried food packets (granola), oxygen tanks (2 liter plastic pop bottles with aquarium air hoses, taped together; add loops of string so it fits over a child's shoulders), moon boots, helmet

Baby: small (doll size) blankets, baby dolls, baby bottles (plastic), rattles, pacifiers, teethers, diapers, empty baby powder container, baby doll clothes, burp cloths

Barber Shop/Beauty Salon: cape (to drape shoulders), combs, a towel, hair clips, fake scissors (make out of heavy cardboard and attach two pieces with a fastener), a mirror, empty shampoo, conditioner & hairspray bottles, curlers, barrettes, ponytail fasteners (make sure they are the coated kind), dolls with hair, broom & dustpan, chair, plastic tub for washing hair, old blow-dryer with cord cut off, old curling iron with cord cut off, cash register, money, telephone, appointment book, pencils, old hairstyle books or pics from magazines pasted into book

Beach: blanket, sunglasses, flip-flops, radio, swimsuits, beach ball, towels, ice chest, pictures of the beach, summer tapes (like the Beach Boys), buckets, pails, sand tools/scoops, sand molds, beach chairs, umbrella, empty suntan lotion bottles, books about the beach, colored sand for sand art, pictures of people at the beach, a sun for decoration, tapes with ocean sounds, sarongs/cover-ups for bathing suits, beach bags, swim fins, face mask, snorkel tubes, beach hats and visors, sea shells, plastic fish, wading pool (outdoor)

Camping: sleeping bags, pillows, camp stove (cardboard box), wood, hiking maps, backpacks, flashlights or lanterns, tent, cooking utensils, canteen, picnic lunch, binoculars, plastic picnic set, small cooler

Carpentry/Painters/Construction Workers: hard hats, plastic tools, toolbox, measuring tape, lunch boxes, blue prints, empty paint cans, pipe fittings, golf tees for nails, Styrofoam to hammer golf tees into, pictures of people building, paint caps, paint sticks, rollers, rolling pans, paint samples, aprons, brushes, step stool

Castle/Prince/Princess: cone shaped princess hats, crowns, silver and gold shoes, robes (red capes with white fur), princess dresses, cardboard castle, round cardboard tubes and squares for building the castle

Dance: scarves and streamers, tutus (make your own with colorful tulle - fold in half and sew a 1 inch pocket along fold - insert elastic and gather - tie elastic at side to form a circle), ballet slippers, vests with colorful and noise making bobbles attached, slip-on cloth slippers with bells attached

Farm: overalls, pail, straw, animal brush, empty feed bag, stuffed animals, plastic animal sets, paint a large cardboard box red for a barn

Fire Station: hats, yellow raincoats, red shirts, black boots, oxygen tanks (made out of 2 liter pop bottles), oxygen masks (goggles), short pieces of hose



Fishing: fishing poles (with bobber & magnet for a hook), plastic worms, plastic fish (with magnets), bucket, fishing net, old clothes, sun hat, gumboots/galoshes, sunglasses, lunch box, lake maps, fish pictures

Garden: large tub (sand/water table), dirt, gardening gloves, seeds or bulbs, gardening tools, paper, markers and craft sticks to make little "signs" to tell what you planted, watering can, plastic pots, artificial plants & flowers

Grocery Store: shopping bags, cart, money, cash register, sign, coupons, telephone, baskets, pictures of foods, receipt tapes (save from grocery stores), empty food boxes (cut a piece of florist foam to fit snugly inside boxes - it will help hold its shape)

Hawaiian Isle: Hawaiian dresses (moomoos), leis (make them from wads of colored tissue paper on a string), grass skirts (made out of green crepe paper - a one time use prop!), tapes/CDs of Hawaiian music, silk/plastic flowers, (see Beach Theme)

Hospital: white lab coats, nurses cap, stethoscope, medical bag, tongue depressors, shower caps (for surgeon caps), bandages, gauze, medicine bottles, toy medical kit

Ice Cream Truck: Paint a large box (with a lid that can be opened like a freezer door) white and attach to the inside of a child size wheelbarrow. Attach a bell to the handle - to create the sound of the ice cream truck. As a project for the kids, have them make "popsicles & fudgsicles" out of heavy cardboard and paint and attach to a Popsicle stick! Make cones out of heavy paper or use the dispenser type cone shaped paper cups. For "scoops" of ice cream, purchase colorful, large pompoms. Other items to include: ice cream scoop, money, white jacket, hat/visor, coin changer/fanny pack

Magician: hat, gloves, cape, magic wand, tablecloth, flowers, scarves, cards, stuffed animals, cardboard boxes, TV tray or table

Movie Theater: chairs for theater, tables for refreshments and to sell tickets, television set, cash register, money, cups for drinks, flashlight for usher, popcorn boxes, tickets, aprons for snack attendants, jacket for ushers, movie theater sign

Office Worker/Secretary: writing pads, pencils, phone, phonebook, typewriter & paper, keyboard, phone message pads, file folders with printed material inside (junk mail), envelopes, stamps, stamp pads, desk (or small table) with desk pad, chairs, neckties, suit jackets, stamp/stickers, stapler (minus the staples), old briefcase, large plastic coated paperclips

Picnic: blanket, picnic basket, dishes, food, plastic ants and pictures of people picnicking

Pizza Maker: Get different sized pizza boxes (small, medium and large) from a pizza restaurant and the cardboard circles they put pizzas "to go" on. Cut and glue a piece of beige felt to each cardboard circle (pizza crust). Cut red felt circles 1/2 inch smaller than the cardboard circles (sauce). Cut some circles into slices. Cut up some white yarn for mozzarella cheese, tan felt mushrooms, reddish brown felt rounds for sausage, red felt rounds dotted with black marker for pepperoni, green felt in the shape of sliced green peppers, black felt rounds for olives. Other items: menus, cash register, money, phone, pens and pads, aprons, cooks hats, plastic pizza wheel, napkins, plates, (See Restaurant)



Police Station: police officer hats and badges, black belts, walkie talkies, telephone, phonebook, pads of paper and pencils (for ticket books), table and chairs (front desk), small clipboards for issuing tickets, 911 signs, stamp pads, posters or pictures of police officers (make sure to include female officers), two large empty boxes (decorate one to resemble a jail the other squad car), safety stickers, safety brochures from your local police station

Post Office: mailboxes (shoe boxes), mail bags, postman's hat, envelopes, cancelled stamps, rubber stamp and ink pads, pencil and paper, money, telephone, scale, junk mail, small boxes wrapped for mailing, mailing sign, pictures of post office activities

Repair Shop: clipboard, telephone book, pieces of coated wire, measuring tape, rulers, pencils, scrap wood, tools: vice grip, wrench, screwdrivers, hammer, pliers, oil can, plastic goggles, plastic hard hats, penlights, aprons, broken appliances with cords cut off, nuts and bolts, gloves, telephone, toolbox, workbench or table, posters or pictures of mechanics at work

Restaurant: hats, aprons, cups, straws, napkins, menus, order pads and pencils, (dishes from house area), serving tray, plastic food, cash register, money (See Pizza Maker)

School: chalkboard, chalk and erasers, report cards, write and wipe calendar, hand bell, whistle, clock, stickers, teacher's desk or table, notebooks, paper, pencils, crayons, stapler (minus the staples), textbooks, self-inking stamps, desks

Transportation (airport/train/bus): small chairs, hats, tickets, a hole punch, rubber stamps, ink pads, table, old suitcases (small), pictures of airplanes, buses, and trains, conductor's hat and vest, dress up clothes for travelers, train whistle

Travel: maps, travel books and pictures, car keys, tickets, money, suitcase, clothes, grooming items, pajamas and sunglasses, travel brochures from local travel agent

Veterinarian: stuffed animals, cardboard boxes for cages, medical bag, animal dishes, leashes, bandages, empty bag of cat and dog food, telephone book, appointment book, lab coats, rubber gloves, stethoscope, tongue depressors, old electric razor (with blades and cord removed), blankets, small animal carrier, small tub for bathing the animals, baby bottles, medicine bottles, shampoo bottles...etc.

Wedding Party: full length mirror, table, veils, wedding dress (or old communion dress), fake flowers, fake boutonnieres, garter belt, rings, bracelets/necklaces, men's blazers, high heeled shoes, white dress shirts, ties, fancy dresses, paper bells to hang. Hang a "Just Married" sign on the back of the little red coupe!

Western: straw hats, ropes, boots, denim vests, bandanas, cowboy shirts, chaps, saddle, stick horses, campfire and pictures of cowboys on the range

*******SPECIAL PROJECT*******

Create any TWO of the prop boxes listed above and receive ONE additional training hour.