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The Barber Shop

Materials

- several empty paper towel or wrapping paper rolls
- tape
- red and white paint
- paintbrushes
- stuffed animals or dolls with smooth heads
- scissors
- hair dryers (plugs removed)
- empty, clean shampoo bottles
- razors without blades or shavers (plugs removed if using old electric shavers)
- empty, clean shaving cream and after-shave bottles
- magazines and chairs for waiting area

What to do

1. Tape empty paper towel or wrapping paper rolls together and paint red and white stripes on them to make a barber pole.
2. Talk about barbers and their equipment. With children's help, demonstrate and discuss the shave and haircut process.
3. Encourage children to visit the center and give doll or animal "clients" shaves and haircuts.
4. Follow up with discussion about the barber service they performed.

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Dolls' Day Out

Materials

several chairs
small desk or table
books and magazines
appointment book or calendar
keyboard
telephone
dolls with various types of hair
small combs and brushes
rollers, clips, and barrettes
tiered racks
baskets or trays
small pieces of tarp or thick plastic to use as drapes
hairdryers (with cords removed)
small and large unbreakable mirrors

What to do

1. Choose an area for a beauty salon. Decorate with posters, photos, or pictures of various types of hairstyles and old magazines and books from beauty salons.
2. Set up a reception area in front of the hairdressing area. Arrange several chairs and put out books and magazines. Place an appointment book or calendar, pencil, keyboard, and telephone on a small desk or table to make a reception desk.
3. Arrange chairs in the hairdressing area. Put out baskets or trays of small combs and brushes, rollers, and barrettes. Add haircutter's drapes, hair dryers (with cords removed), and small and large unbreakable mirrors. Choose a variety of dolls with different types of hair for children to play with.
4. If desired, fill tubs with water for children to shampoo and rinse dolls' hair.
5. Explain to the children about the area. The dolls "wait" in the reception area, the receptionist calls out names and makes appointments, and the hairdressers pick up the dolls and style their hair.
6. Children may also escort and wait for dolls in the waiting area as though they are the parents. If bringing in dolls from home, this will be more important to children and they may want to be hairdresser as well.

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