

Cumbria County Council

Early Years Team

**What can I do
today?**



This week it is...dens

Tuesday – outside dens

- There are many ways to make dens if you have access to some outdoor space.
- You may be able to make dens that are bigger than your inside den. They are a good way of keeping children in the shade on sunny days.
- The den in the picture has three “rooms” and was made with two clothes horses, a parasol, sheets, blankets, cushions and pegs. Lay your ground sheets first and then build up the den on top.
- Like indoor dens use clothes pegs, tape and string to attach any covering you can find.
- You may be able to make the dens waterproof using tarpaulin or plastic sheets.
- Outdoor tables and chairs can be used to make simple dens.
- Draping sheets over a washing line and securing with pegs is an easy way to make a den. You need to widen the sheet out at the bottom and find some heavier objects to secure the sheet.