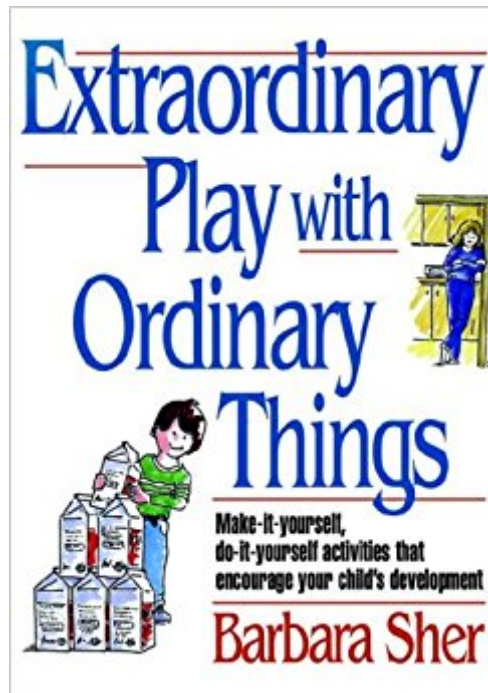




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# Extraordinary Play With Ordinary Things (Homegrown)



## Synopsis

Fun games to play for children 2-12 that enrich motor skills and use only recycled materials found around the house. Each chapter is dedicated to all the games possible with a particular material. For example there is a chapter on games with cans, another on cartons and another on mismatched socks. A list of the motor lessons each game teaches is given. Lessons on skills such as balance, eye-hand coordination and spatial relationships.

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Author is a pediatric occupational therapist with over 30 years of experience. She gives workshops nationally and internationally.

It's a black and white book with lists of activities. I wish the author talked more about the therapeutic benefits of the activities she suggested and had a glossary so you can look up activities for age or therapeutic benefit. The chapter titles are things like "Things you can do with paper", "things you can do with hose" etc. That helps but this book is a little overwhelming because of no pictures and because you will need to scan through the entire chapter to find appropriate games.

Extraordinary Play is divided into chapters depending upon which materials you have handy. Got mismatched socks? There's plenty of games to enhance children's eye-hand coordination, balance and many other motor skills. Got cardboard boxes--string? paper bag? There are plenty of games for any materials and an appendix in the back telling you which games help which skills. But from a kids point of view, the games are just plain fun. As an occupational therapist who has played these games with kids in many many countries, I can promise you and yours will be grinning! Barbara Sher (author)

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