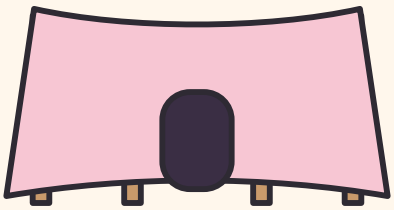
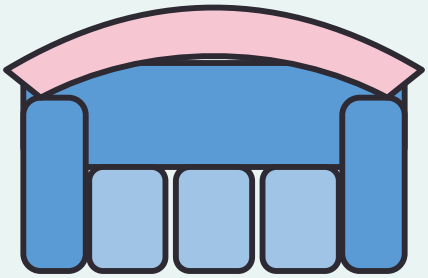
How to Build a Fort

Three easy forts, plus the safety rules



Chair + Blanket Fort

Two chairs back to back, a blanket over the top, books or clips to hold it.



Couch Cushion Fort

Pull off the cushions to make walls, then drape a sheet from the couch back.

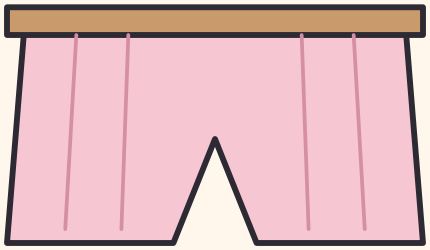


Table Fort

Throw a big sheet over the kitchen table. Fold up one side for a door.

Fort safety

- Keep forts at least 3 feet away from space heaters, and never drape blankets over lamps (NFPA).
- Turn off space heaters when you leave the room or go to bed (NFPA).
- Nothing heavy on top: only blankets, sheets and pillows on the roof.
- Bookcases and dressers can tip if kids pull or climb on them. Anchor furniture to the wall (CPSC).
- Keep cords and strings away from little ones, and leave an easy way out.
- Use cool, battery-powered LED lights inside the fort.

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Fort Challenge Cards

Cut apart. Pick a card, build the fort!

Two-Person Fort

CHALLENGE 1

Build a fort big enough for you and one grown-up to sit inside.

☐ We did it!

Four-Cushion Challenge

CHALLENGE 2

Build a fort using only four cushions and one blanket.

☐ We did it!

Two Rooms

CHALLENGE 3

Make a fort with two rooms: one to sit in and one to store treasures.

☐ We did it!

Secret Door

CHALLENGE 4

Add a door that opens and closes. Who knows the password?

☐ We did it!

Reading Fort

CHALLENGE 5

Build a cozy fort, then read three books inside it.

☐ We did it!

Five-Minute Fort

CHALLENGE 6

Set a timer. Can you build a fort under the table in five minutes?

☐ We did it!

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Fort Flag

CHALLENGE 7

Draw a flag for your fort and tape it to the top.

☐ We did it!

Crawl Tunnel

CHALLENGE 8

Use chairs and a sheet to build a tunnel to crawl through.

☐ We did it!

Stuffed Animal Fort

CHALLENGE 9

Build a tiny fort for your stuffed animals. Who gets to visit?

☐ We did it!

Flashlight Stories

CHALLENGE 10

Turn off the big light and tell a story with a flashlight in your fort.

☐ We did it!

Fort With a Window

CHALLENGE 11

Fold back a corner of the blanket to make a window. What can you see?

☐ We did it!

Speed Clean-Up

CHALLENGE 12

Fort time is over! Can everything go back in three minutes?

☐ We did it!

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Fort Signs + Planner

Cut out the sign for your fort door

FORT

Name: _____

OPEN / CLOSED (circle one)

Grown-ups must knock three times

Secret password

_____

_____

What I need

- [ ] Blankets / sheets
- [ ] Pillows / cushions
- [ ] Chairs
- [ ] Clips or books
- [ ] Flashlight

Design your fort: draw it here first

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