

Things We Like To Do

# AT HOME



## THINGS WE LIKE TO DO AT HOME

© City of Melbourne 2016  
First published November, 2016  
ISBN 978-1-74250-896-2

### ABOUT THIS PROJECT

The Picture Book Program 2016 is a partnership between two branches of the City Communities Group within the City of Melbourne – Community Services (Family Services) and Arts Melbourne (ArtPlay). The program is designed to engage families from within the municipality. It aims to encourage an awareness and enjoyment of literacy and the creative process, in a fun and supportive environment.

The illustrations, text, and music in this book were created by the attending families, using everyday materials, curiosity, and experimentation. The result is a book and a song to be enjoyed again and again.

### PREVIOUS BOOKS IN THIS SERIES:

Things We Like To Do Night Time  
Things We Like To Do Outside  
Curious Creatures  
Excited Explorers  
Water Wonderers

### FAMILY SERVICES

#### Literacy Project Lead Facilitator:

Tamara Hrabric-Krajcar

#### Playgroup Facilitators:

Vanessa O'Toole,  
Deb Sedlarevic, Asha Qaline

### ARTPLAY

#### Program Coordinator:

Amy Turton

#### Artist:

Amber Harris

#### Support Artist:

Jasmine Carl

#### Songwriting Artist:

Nina Laitala

#### Graphic Designer:

Kathy Holowko



ARTPLAY

FAMILY  
SERVICES

## THE FAMILIES WHO MADE THIS BOOK

Arti Kumari  
Aaryav Shaw  
Neha Malviya  
Arsh Malviya  
Ruhi Shadaab  
Zoya Mohamadi  
Shweta Pradhan  
Saumya Pradhan  
Vijaya Govindan  
Mridula Deepak  
Aswani Bhavani  
Ujjwala Yashasri Bhavani  
Ramya Balakrishnan  
Shreenidhi Sathishkumar  
Shweta Mahajan  
Rutvi Gupta  
Namrata Narkhede  
Swarit Borle  
Sadhana Prajapati  
Ahana Prajapati  
Kaumudi Pudipeddi  
Vedant Pudipeddi and Varun Pudipeddi  
Manjusha Patil  
Ish Patil  
Sarita Sharma  
Harshit Sharma  
Renuka Babu  
Riya Babu  
Shweta Sowani  
Ram Sowani  
Paula Wong  
Owen Cawsey  
Shi Ling Chan  
Ushi Hardingham  
Chui Leng Lim  
Winifred Joan Plomley  
Anna Lam  
Brendan Chu  
Lina Gho  
William Widjaja  
Kalpana Thiruganasambandam  
Hashini Ramkumar  
Temima Hassen  
Ibrahim Abdurizak and Nuria Abdurizak  
Bianca Hahne  
Dreydon Nguyen

# Things we like to do AT HOME





**Run into bed  
for cuddles  
with Ama.**



**Who is  
coming?  
It is Dada!**



**Home is  
where  
the people  
I love are!**





Slide down  
the cushions  
**3,2,1...**

Ready or not,  
here I come!





**Home is  
where  
beautiful  
memories are!**



**Time for  
music, time  
to dance.**



**Wiggle  
and twist  
and twirl  
and bounce.**





**Home is  
where  
I can be myself!**





**Help with  
the cooking,  
hungry  
tummy.**

**Stir the pho  
and chop,  
chop -  
yummy!**



**Home is  
where  
the food is!**





**Rain on  
the window  
pitter-patter.**



**Reading  
stories  
chitter-chatter.**





**Home is  
where  
the love is!**





# Activities

## NATURAL WATER COLOUR PAINTING

### You will need:

- Turmeric
- Paprika
- Sliced beetroot
- Tea leaves and tea bags
- Coffee
- Cocoa
- Water
- Paint brush
- Paper

### Instructions:

Place the paper on the table. Create the colours by mixing each of the spices and food items with water in separate containers. Provide no more than 4 colours at a time. When using the sliced beetroot allow your child to move it around with their hands. Dunk the tea bags into the different containers to change the colours. If you want to keep the colours separate, have a glass of water to wash brushes out between using each colour. Before you start painting, explore the colours with your nose. What can you smell?



**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Have a look around the house. What familiar items and ingredients can easily and safely be turned into something children can play with? Our homes are a treasure trove of resources for learning and developing children's sensory, motor and communication skills.



## SHAVING CREAM STACK

### You will need:

- Shaving Cream
- Recycled materials, for example: sponge shapes, all sizes of cardboard boxes, plastic bottle tops and bottles, coloured paper, straws etc. (Anything that is light in weight)

### Instructions:

Fill a container with shaving cream. Display recycled materials on the table or floor so your child can explore and choose what they desire. Show your child that the shaving cream works like glue, then allow them to explore and build stacks with the materials.



# Things We Like To Do At Home Lyrics

FOLLOW THIS LINK TO SING ALONG:

<https://soundcloud.com/artplay-picture-book/things-we-like-to-do-at-home>

Wake up to the song of magpies  
Run into bed for cuddles with Ama  
Feet are stomping down the hall  
Who is coming? It's Dada!

Home is where the people I love are!

Jump on the sofa  
Slide down the cozy cushions  
10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

Hide under the table, behind the door  
Ready or not, here I come!

Home is where the beautiful memories are!

Make purple play dough piggies  
Peek-a-boo with my dolls in the bath  
Time for music, time to dance  
Wiggle, twist and twirl and laugh.

Home is where I can be myself!

Hungry tummy, help with the cooking  
Stir the Pho and chop chop chop  
Crunchy carrots and smooth apples  
Creamy porridge in the pot.

Home is where the food is!

Rain pitter-patter on the window  
Snuggle up on the sofa with teddy  
Watch the gumtree sway in the wind  
Sing songs, read stories, feel so happy.

Home is where I feel safe and warm!

Home is the most beautiful place in the world!

Home is where the love is!



**We've been thinking about things we like to do at home.  
Waking up to the song of magpies,  
making purple playdough piggies,  
singing songs, reading stories and helping with the cooking.  
What do you like?**

Listen  
to our song  
online and sing  
along with the  
lyrics at the back  
of the book.

Home is where children find a sense of belonging. Children's sense of identity begins at home and grows as they venture into the neighbourhood and the wider community. As children participate in everyday life, they develop interests and construct their own identities and understanding of the world.