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## The maker book for nurseries and primary schools

Straight forward photo instructions for creative building, craft and modelling activities

“Experiment, question and create” is the motto of this book, which is aimed at parents and educators who wish to carry out exciting projects with little tinkerers between five and ten years old. Experimenting and trying things out are foundational for producing new knowledge. Instead of passive consumers, we want to see active designers who implement their own ideas with a sense of inventiveness and discovery. From basic electrical circuits to drawing robots, this book provides precise photo instructions suitable for beginners and more advanced tinkerers too.

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## Electricity, technology and computers in nursery

33 easy-to-implement project ideas

Why does the bulb light up? How is a computer programmed? What can you do with a 3D printer? The practical examples in this book show step by step how you can easily create exciting activities to promote an understanding of technology and information skills in nursery. You can also discover in this book how you can investigate the secrets of programming with simple movement games with no need for a computer or technical equipment.

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The internet offers numerous possibilities for broadening the own knowledge of the world by acquiring information. But how do you decide what is important and what is true? Entangled amongst the thickets of fake news and rumours, it is often next to impossible to differentiate between advertising and serious news. Children who grow up in today's world must learn to deal with this challenge. But are educational professionals properly equipped for the task? Only through active examination and intensive dialogue with adults can children acquire the competence required to deal critically with the media.

With practical examples and recommended steps on the following topics:

- Proposals using the tablet and digital camera to carry out photo projects.
- Learning about and applying photo and film techniques, suitable apps and tools.
- Planning stories and sequences of action to produce a film.
- Critical examination of information comprised of photos and films.

## Media education in nurseries and primary schools

23 ideas for educational work with 4 to 8 year olds

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Working together beats working in parallel or against each other. A healthy and constructive dialog between daycare staff and parents is essential – also for the welfare of the child. What information do parents need? What are the best channels for this information? What methods are available? How can I keep parents informed without hours of printing, copying, cutting out, and sticking together? This book shows how the latest techniques and digital media make working with parents more communicative, efficient, and informative.

### Keeping parents informed in crèche and daycare

Work tools and templates for  
using digital media in parental work

Antje Bostelmann

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## The digital portfolio concept for nursery

Using a smartphone and tablet for time-saving and well-founded documentation

The tried-and-tested portfolio method with new ideas and for digital media is available now. With this book, you have the complete portfolio concept at a glance: its foundations, the level assessment sheets, the lotus plan, etc. Here, step-by-step, you learn to implement these on your smartphone or tablet computer. No more paper sheets and print-outs all over the place or documents that need to be stuck in. Simplify your documentation tasks and complete them during your working hours at the daycare centre. This saves time and material.

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## Digital ingenious

First steps with new media in nursery

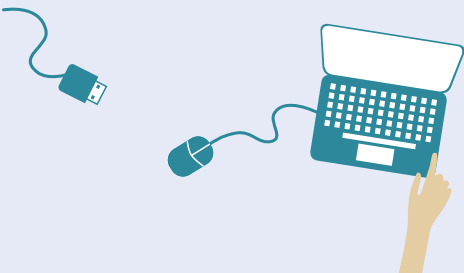
Don't be afraid of tablets, digital cameras and beavers! This book shows you how various digital techniques can be used to enrich your educational work in a creative way. Many practical examples prove that even youngest children can handle new media without any trouble and creatively gain competences.

Useless gambling is not a part of this book! On the basis of detailed project descriptions, we show you how to use tablets and other media as tools for creating purposive and educational settings.

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## Learning trays for two- to four-year-olds

33 exciting learning opportunities for the transition from nursery to kindergarten

Learning trays are ideal for concentrated exploration and discovery. This book contains ideas for learning trays designed specifically for the transition from nursery to kindergarten. The degree of difficulty can be individually adjusted according to the developmental level of each child. The field tested range of trays offers intensive learning situations that can be produced quickly and easily.

There are learning ideas on the following themes:

- Colours, numbers and patterns
- Understanding quantities
- Disconnect, connect and hiding
- Dexterity and fine motor skills
- Understanding our world – how, why, what for?

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## Activity trays in nursery

41 exciting educational tray ideas for children aged 3 to 6 years

Working with activity trays is a rewarding experience! Children can work independently to solve the task in hand. Activity trays provide the ideal framework for this. 41 new ideas for this tried and trusted Maria Montessori work method – developed specially for modern nurseries. These fieldtested activity trays offer intensive learning opportunities, and are quick and easy to prepare.

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## Activity trays – Experiments and game offerings

### 40 ideas for learning in crèche and nursery

Each activity tray is an invitation to discover, a framed puzzle to solve, and gives an impulse to explore: Even Maria Montessori suggested to give kids activity trays with tools that are interesting to them. This would offer them the possibility to discover and explore things with a focused mind. In our book we give the contemporary answer to this idea: 40 new examples for activity trays which were tested in practice and give kids the possibility to deal with. All the tubs can be arranged with just a little effort

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## Activity tubs – feeling, exploring, understanding

### 30 ideas for learning and gaming in crèche and nursery

Let's get into the tub! Small children love to deal with different materials. Dipping into a tub full of smooth beans, soft paper or bubbling foam – what an experience for all senses! However, tubs can be more: As a play area with three or four extraordinary materials, they activate kids to explore and engross their minds. In this book we present a huge number of ideas: 30 new examples for activity tubs which were tested in practice and give kids the possibility to deal with. All the tubs can be arranged with just a little effort.

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## With crèche children in the garden

Learning opportunities outdoors for people from 0 to 3 years of age

“We didn’t go outside today.” When child care workers say this at the end of the day, it disappoints and annoys many parents. Although there is understanding that it is very strenuous to dress and then undress a whole group of small children when they want to go outside to play, this cannot be the reason why the little ones are not able to discover the wonders of a garden. The possibilities to play and learn something presented to the children by nature can never be replaced by even the greatest toy in the crèche rooms.

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Penny Ritscher,  
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## Meal situations in crèche

How to detect learning opportunities and accompany meals sensitively

Meals offer children multiple learning opportunities. The daily routine of eating together supports their social development and linguistic skills. For children meals mean a get-together, fine motor skills training, intensive sensual experiences and training sessions for independence. By hints and detailed practical guidance, our book shows you how to turn meals in your crèche to a time for learning. The attached DVD shows examples from a German and Italian crèche. Both implement modern pedagogic principles in their creation of meal situations, but in different ways.

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Children get to know animate and inanimate nature, make their first experiences with physical processes and are able to investigate correlations and determine laws. In order to offer exciting educational activities in this field, educators need not only knowledge about scientific phenomena, but also about good planning and implementation of the activities. Children should be supported in explorative learning in the best possible way and experience how hypotheses can be formed, tested and the acquired knowledge documented.

With educational activities on animate and inanimate nature:

- Stimulating children's creativity on nature walks
- Using natural materials for everyday educational work
- Combining nature experiences with digital media
- Experiments on the topics of water, light, fire and air
- Accompanying first basic scientific experiences in a targeted and stimulating way

## Experiencing nature in the nursery

30 ideas for educational work with 4- to 6-year-olds

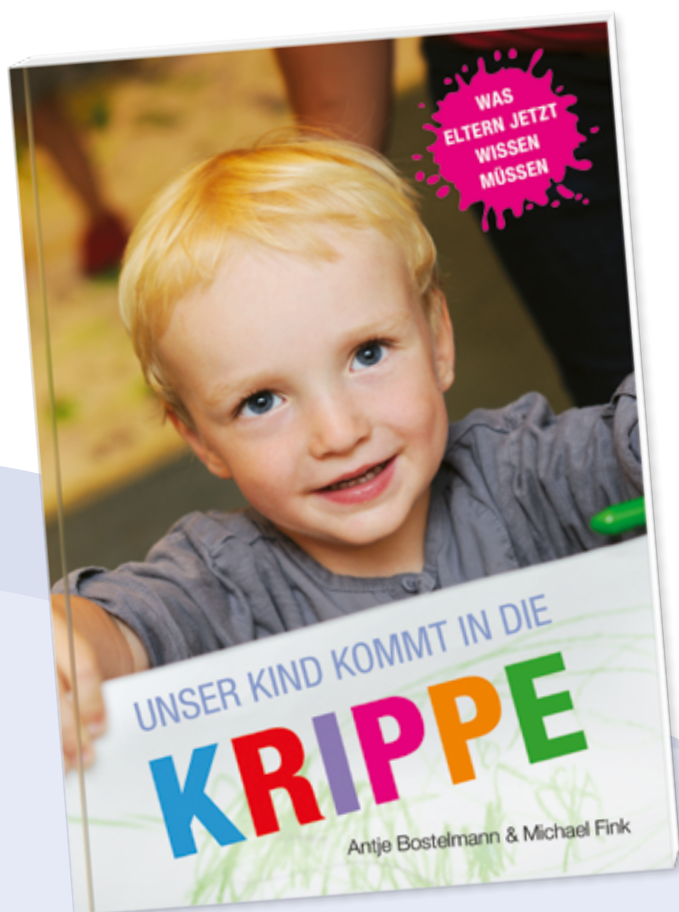
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With expert know-how and a great deal of empathy, the authors describe typical day-to-day situations in infant daycare and provide practical tips on how to deal with them. How do I find the right crèche for my child? What happens on a good day at the crèche? What can I do to help my child get used to the new routine? And can I fully place my trust in the daycare staff?

### When your child starts crèche ...

#### What parents need to know

Antje Bostelmann, Michael Fink  
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The play of toddlers is a serious activity. Step by step, they gain basic knowledge about the world and develop from dependent babies to self-active toddlers. Children in nursery school go through different phases of play development. What are the characteristics of each phase, how to tell what phase the child is in and what kind of ideas it needs, we explain with this book. In order to understand and support the learning of toddlers, basic knowledge of the child's play is necessary. The attached film on DVD shows observations of playing situations, which especially help trainees in educational professions gaining them.

## The play of toddlers

Understanding, accompanying and promoting early learning

Antje Bostelmann

124 pages, A4 brochure, with DVD

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This book describes 25 new and exciting story bags that will accompany you through spring, summer, autumn, and winter. Each bag offers not only an excellent opportunity to promote language learning, but also provides a playful introduction to colours and numbers, trains children in recognition and social behaviour, and illustrates the connections between nature and daily life. And in the sewing instructions provided, learn how to create a bag quickly and easily using textile left-overs.

## Through the year with story bags

Tried and tested ideas for stories and games in crèche and daycare centre

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Speech development is a fundamental building block in the life of every individual. Thus it is important to support this early on in the crèche and daycare centre. Here, painted stories are a great way to develop language in a targeted manner and train the graphomotor skills in passing. In this book you will find 24 examples for training children's articulation and speaking comprehension through frequent repetition of a rhyme. What is more, by painting the simple rhymes, the little ones remember the story more easily. The simple forms of the painted stories support early learning of writing movements.

### Through the year with painted stories

Support of graphomotor skills and speech development in the crèche and daycare centre

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Small children learn by playing and collecting experiences in their everyday life. How can we use this principle of the heuristic method in practice in crèche and day-care center?

This book explains how children can learn independently in an appealing atmosphere by exploring their surroundings.

- **Look, what I can do!**
- **The heuristic learning of infants**
- Antje Bostelmann, Michael Fink
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## Elementary play activities for children under the age of 3

Detect, accompany, support

Hiding things, carrying bags around the room, dropping a spoon to the ground again and again: The acting of children sometimes seems strange and aimless to us.

But all these recurrent „elementary play activities“ are ways to understand our world. It is worth examining these activities more closely and observing them in the daily routine. They are the key to a precise education.

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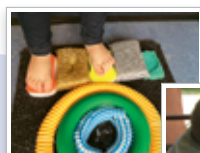
Hints and tricks for the daily routine in crèche

In the crèche many young children are separated from their parents for the first time. That's why there are two aspects of the daily routine to be considered wisely: Recurring routines and rituals provide children orientation and help them to feel safe and secure. But then children also need space for independent explorations. In our book we show you how to plan and realize a well structured and age-based daily routine that is respecting individual needs and demands.

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## The Marble track, clever can, and the feelie-rug

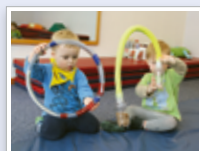
### More great ideas for making crèche toys

Audio-memory, velcro building blocks, and the glitter bottle: This book tells you how to make imaginative and unusual toys for nursery and crèche children using everyday materials. Develop creative play resources for these children, and see how they discover new and diverse functions for the simplest materials. See what you can do with buttons, zips, curlers, or magnets, and using step-by-step instructions, build adventurous new playthings quickly and easily.

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## Glitter bottles & Co

### 33 ideas for self-made toys in crèche and nursery

Fascinating, extraordinary, quick and lowpriced to produce: All play stuff presented in this book enables kids in crèche to play and occupy themselves intensively. It is amazing how mindful the kids play with glitter bottles or dumping machines and how easy you can produce these 33 toys investing just a small amount of money.

All toys are produced from materials of your everyday life, and a construction manual is attached.

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Suitcase theatre, story bag, and funny finger puppets – this book shows not only how you can turn fairy tales, songs, or daily events into creative stories, but also how by doing so, you can encourage intensive language acquisition in crèche and nursery. Learn how to use the suitcase theatre with its foam and felt figures, and how an old aquarium or shoe box can become a stage for exciting stories. Create productions, big and small, together with the children, and you will create excellent opportunities for encouraging language learning in your crèche or nursery.

### **Suitcase Theatre & Co**

Creative project ideas to promote language learning in crèche and nursery

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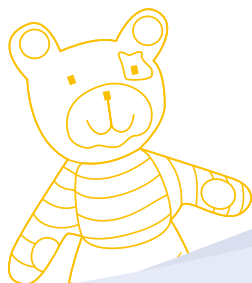
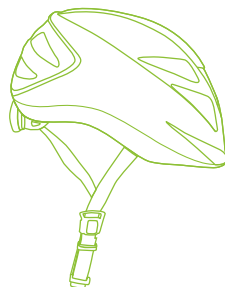
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Small children love to be read something to. They listen to stories concentratively and full of suspense. You will have certainly noticed that small children especially love stories of everyday life. No wonder: What's normal to us is a mystery to small children. They have a lot of questions to everyday life that want to be solved and understood.

With these books we don't show fantasy worlds. We detail everyday life events of small children. Our expert knowledge has shown that such books help small children understand their own life, arrange their own experiences and ask important questions on routines.

## Lilly and Tim

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Children enjoy learning when they can satisfy their own curiosity and natural hunger for information – and that is why project work in nursery and preschool shows such astoundingly positive results. Good projects develop a child's creative thought processes, and help the child take on responsibility for themselves and others. This step-by-step guide provides valuable advice on how to successfully plan, design, and document project work in nursery and preschool. Includes forms and worksheets to get you started immediately!

*From the series:*  
*Klax education in practice*

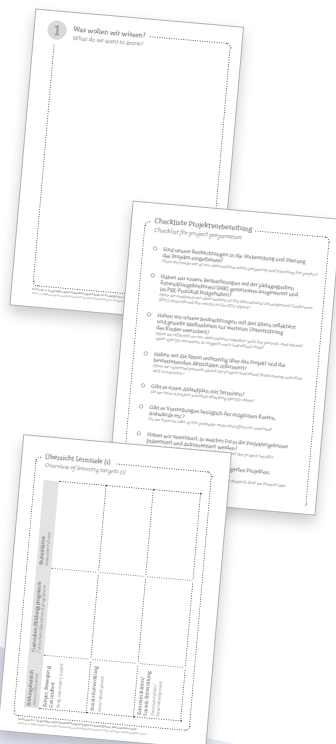
## Organising successful and exciting educational projects in nursery

### A step by step guide

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## The Apple Project

Practical project work for nurseries

The 'Apple Project' developed from an everyday situation – during lunch, children started discussing why some apples taste sweet and others sour. This initial impulse gave Silke, the group's educator, an idea for a new project: Are all apples the same? The group searches for an answer, but each realization along the way reveals another question ...

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## Where do bogeys come from?

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Ugh, a bogey! Things that horrify adults frequently fascinate children. Why do we have bogeys in our noses? Do they have some kind of function? One question leads to another. In this project, children learn how the nose works by activating their creative thought processes and developing their own hypotheses.

The best projects happen when children's questions guide the way.

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