

## Accessories that Stimulate Creative Block Play

Accessories give children ideas for imaginative play and can extend block building to involve other themes.

Changing accessories from time to time helps renew interest in blocks.

Have 2 or more identical samples of popular accessories, such as cars or trucks to reduce conflicts as it reinforces the emerging parallel play of twos.

### *Vehicles*

Small wooden plastic cars, trucks, airplanes, buses, vans, boats, miniature road signs.

### *People*

Multiethnic wooden stand-up characters, flexible rubber people that represent family members and different occupations.

### *Materials to make signs, etc.*

Paper, index cards, pens or markers for signs and labels.

### *Animals*

Wooden or plastic farm, forest, jungle and underwater animals, as well as dinosaurs and dragons.

### *Other:*

Carpet squares, cardboard cylinders, fabric pieces, hard hats, play dishes, sheering wheels, measuring tools, plastic trees