

Bob Workshop

The workers arrive at the building site ready for a hard days graft. There are pipes and tubes to sort out, lots of work for everyone. Then it's off to renovate the old church with walls to build and stained glass windows to repair.

Environment

Create the building site by filling the space with big and small carpet tubes – tie them to wooden benches or 'horses', hang them on elastic, others resting on walls. Also in the space:

- Buckets
- White boomwhackers
- Orange construction fencing
- Construction tape

In another area, hang a large stained glass window made by using coloured gels taped together within a frame. Suspend the window in the space in front of a light to throw different colours onto white boxes. Put the white boxes of varying sizes all around – some with sounds inside, others with lights and coloured gel windows. Also in the space:

- White lit aisle on the floor
- Coloured bells
- Clingfilm screen - with small coloured gel shapes & water sprayers
- Drink and biscuits for tea break

Costume - Hi-vis jackets and hard hats

Music - Much of the music for this workshop is provided by the activities; the rhythms of the tubes and boomwhackers, the sounds of the boxes and the bells in the final section. The first part can be supported by music that engenders activity, maybe *Six Marimbas* by Steve Reich.

Activities

Pipes - Ready for work! Explore everything you can do with cardboard tubes – feel the smooth surface with fingers and feet, roll the tubes on the floor, over other tubes/legs. Call down tubes and listen/look through them at each other. Thread ropes through them and swing about the space or bounce on elastic. Tap and scrape them, play rhythms, dropping tubes on the floor. Carry them, lift onto shoulders, put them in piles, moving around the space. Tip like seesaws and put buckets on the end, lifting like cranes. Add boomwhackers to create sound rhythms for working and singing.

Renovation - Build white box walls around the stained glass window, catch colours on boxes, feel vibrations through them, pass to each other, push them off laps, kick along the floor. Pile them up, balance them in towers and knock them down. Hear the different sounds that are hidden inside. Create a building of your own design, make windows and doors.

Decoration - Add 'light box' windows, see the colours, and scrunch the cellophane inside. Create your own stained glass window with coloured gel shapes on a cling film frame. Play the coloured bells and sing together now that the building is finished and work is done.

Links:

Tubes Prop
Boxes Prop
Building Activity

Video

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