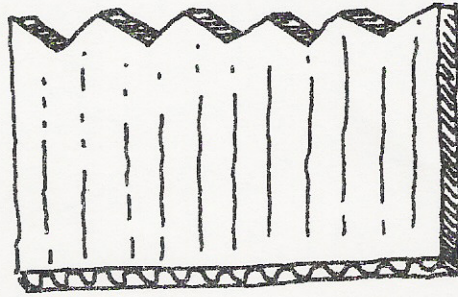


### Small Sandbox

For a sandbox that can be used indoors or outside, fill a deep plastic dishpan with clean sand. Give your child sand-play toys, such as spoons, funnels, plastic measuring cups, and empty plastic containers. Put an old sheet or shower curtain under the sandbox for indoor play.

### Sand Comb



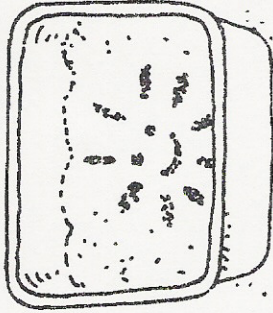
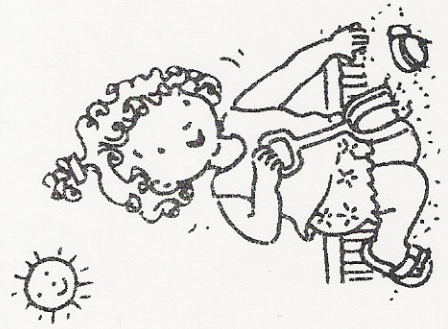
To make this sandbox toy, cut a rectangle out of heavy cardboard. On one of the long sides, cut a set of "teeth." Invite your child to use the rectangle to comb patterns in the sand.

### Sand Alternatives

If sand is not available, you can use other materials to make a sandbox. Just fill a plastic tub partway with dried split peas, uncooked rice, or dried corn. (Be sure to supervise your child to make sure she doesn't put the materials in her mouth.)

### Digging for Treasure

Show your child a shell or a small plastic toy and have her close her eyes while you hide it in her sandbox. When she opens her eyes, encourage her to dig for the "buried treasure." Then let her hide treasure for you to find.



### Sand Drawing

Put about an inch of sand in the bottom of a dishpan or a sturdy box. Let your child use a finger to draw designs in the sand. Then show her how to gently shake the pan back and forth to erase so that she can start over again.



### Wet Sand Fun

Add a little water to a small sandbox to make damp sand. Give your child cookie cutters and small plastic cups or other containers to use for molding play. Also encourage her to make handprints and footprints in the sand.

### I Love Sand

Sung to: "Three Blind Mice"

Sand, sand, sand.

Sand, sand, sand.

I love sand,

I love sand.

It's fun to squish it

Between my toes,

Or build a mountain

As high as my nose,

Or dig a tunnel

That grows and grows,

'Cause I love sand!

Sing while your child is playing in sand.

Susan Hodges

