

2022/23

# EARLY YEARS WOODWORK+MAKER WORKSHOPS

Make&Meld Early Years Learning Framework aligned Workshop incursions for Kindergartens and Day cares.























### **MAKE&MELD**

Make&Meld is a Brisbane based enterprise delivering hands-on woodwork and maker workshops to children of all ages.

Our Early Years Woodwork + Maker Workshops and Term Kindy Programs include a range of projects specially designed to link with the Early Years Learning Framework.

We bring our tools, equipment and expertise to your centre and guide kids in the safe use of tools as they make their own wooden cars, robots, mini towns, chalkboard play phones, string art and more



# BENEFITS OF WOODWORK+MAKER WORKSHOPS FOR THE EARLY YEARS

Our Early Years Maker Workshops focus on developing confidence and skills and getting kids hands-on using simple tools to build their own creations.

#### Fun, hands-on learning

Our workshops provide an opportunity for kids to get hands-on with real tools in a safe learning environment. Children will learn how to use tools such as saws, hammers and hand drills under the guidance of trained instructors.

#### Develop confidence in themselves and their and abilities

Kids get the satisfaction of building something themselves, developing confidence in their own abilities, giving them a sense of accomplishment and encouraging independence and perseverance. There is nothing better than seeing a child exude confidence as they exclaim "I made it myself".

#### Encourage investigation of their world

Kids are engaged through exploration of different materials with a focus on making and creating using recycled and re-purposed materials. Children make their own quality toy or item to take home and learn about environmental sustainability in a unique and memorable way.

#### Develop fine and gross motor skills

Children develop hand-eye coordination and spatial awareness while understanding how to use tools in a safe manner. Both girls and boys also gain a sense of power and strength as they become more skillful and confident in their own abilities.

#### Encourage imaginary play

Kids get the opportunity to be makers, tinkerers, designers and engineers. Our workshops provide a great opportunity for kids to tap into their creativity and to develop hands-on making skills.



### **EARLY YEARS WOODWORK+MAKER WORKSHOPS**

All our workshops are designed to extend children's learning and align with the Early Years Learning Framework.

Workshops are run as term-long weekly / fortnightly programs or as one-off incursion days or at your centre.

Duration - 45 mins to 1 hr

Each of our workshops are facilitated by trained and enthusiastic instructors.

Maker Project	Description	EYLF	Skills
	WOODEN CARS Children explore movement as they make their own wooden push-toy vehicle complete with passengers. This hands-on woodworking project gives kids the opportunity to learn to use real tools safely. They then decorate their vehicle and its passengers using stickers.	Outcome 1: Emerging autonomy Outcome 2: Socially responsibility through use of reclaimed materials Outcome 4: Confident and involved learners	Assembling parts by following basic step by step instructions. Learning to use tools safely (sawing, hammering), creativity.
SCREWS SCREWS ACREMS ACREMS	DICE Children each make their own wooden dice whilst exploring numbers and using different woodworking tools and techniques to create the numbers 1 - 6.	Outcome 1: Emerging autonomy Outcome 4: Confident and involved learners	Assembling parts by following basic step by step instructions. Numbers 1 - 10.
	FRIENDS OF TEN ABACUS This engaging woodworking project introduces kindy age kids to 'Friends of ten' numbers.	Outcome 1: Emerging autonomy Outcome 4: Confident and involved learners Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators	Colour and number recognition. learning to safely use screw drivers.



### **WOODWORK+MAKER WORKSHOPS CONT.**

#### Maker Project



#### Description

#### MINI TOWNS

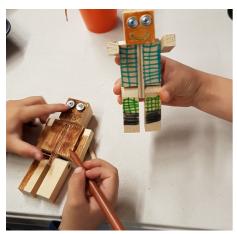
Kids design and build a mini wooden town complete with buildings, trees, vehicles, boats and people. This project is a great way to explore connection to place through play. Kids will ger hands-on with basic wood working tools to build and decorate their own mini wooden towns.

#### EYLF

Outcome 1: Strong sense of identity Outcome 2: Connected to and contribute to their world Outcome 4: Confident and involved learners

#### Skills

Cooperation, creativity and investigation. Learning to use tools safely (sawing, drilling, hammering, scissor skills).



#### **WOODEN ROBOTS**

Explore moving parts and get hands-on with woodworking tools. Kids are guided to use hammer, saws and screw-drivers safely to build and decorate their own wooden robot character!

Outcome 1: Strong sense of identity, Outcome 4: Confident and involved learners Learning to use tools safely (Sawing, hammering, screwing) and assembling. Developing creativity and exploring moving parts.



#### CHALK BOARD PHONES

Kids can make this fun chalkboard play phone whilst developing fine motor skills and practicing number recognition. There will be hammering, stamping and screwing and a toy to take home and be proud of.

Outcome 1: Emerging autonomy Outcome 4: Confident and involved learners Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators Learning to use tools safely (Sawing, hammering, screwing), following instruction, encouraging number recognition, reading, writing, creativity and imaginary play.



## **WOODWORK+MAKER WORKSHOPS CONT.**

Maker Project	Description	EYLF	Skills
	RUBBER-BAND ART This activity is great for developing both gross and fine motor skills. Kids learn to use a hammer and nails to make a basic shape then use coloured rubber bands to make patterns and shapes!	Outcome 4: Confident and involved learners	Learning to use hammers safely. Stretching and attaching rubber bands.
	SKITTLES Kids autoomy is enouraged as they tinker with woodworking parts and tools to screw, hammer and create their unique skittle sculpture or collaborative classroom skittle game.	Outcome 1: Emerging autonomy Outcome 4: Confident and involved learners	Learning to use tools safely (Hammers, screwdrivers)
	WOODEN BOATS With a focus on developing fine as well as gross motor skills. Kids learn to use screw drivers and hammers and consider size, shapes, patterns as they are guided to build and decorate their own little wooden boat stacking toy.	Outcome 4: Confident and involved learners	Learning to use tools safely (Hammers, screwdrivers)



### **WOODWORK+MAKER WORKSHOPS CONT.**

Maker Project	Description	EYLF	Skills
	ECHIDNAS Kids and guided to use a hammer and nails safely as they create their own little wooden Echidna. We love seeing kids confidence grow as they master a new skill.	Outcome 4: Confident and involved learners	Learning to use hammers and sandpaper safely.
	TINKER CARS A fun loose parts session in which kids choose the shape and type of vehicle that will make.	Outcome 1: Emerging autonomy Outcome 4: Confident and involved learners	Learning to use tools safely (Hammers, screwdrivers, sandpaper, woodglue)



EASTER CHICKS and other special day events and projects.

At Make&Meld, we have the skills and knowledge to enable us to develop projects to suit individual class needs.

We are also happy to be engaged for "special day" activities including but not limited to Mothers Day, Fathers Day, Easter and Christmas.

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