

# Make a Difference

## Labeling & Print

The Play Share at a Time

**Tip:**  
Use natural light  
for great pictures

**Tip:**  
label the toys  
with a name  
children will  
understand

**Tip:**  
visit  
[cdcccc.org](http://cdcccc.org)  
for more DIY  
tipsheets  
and videos

### Materials:

- digital camera
- computer and word processing software
- white paper
- laminating sheets or clear packing tape
- printer

### Steps:

1. Set up a white or neutral backdrop to place toys.
2. Stage toys to look recognizable to children.
3. Photograph toys with a digital camera.
4. Download to your computer.
5. Using a word processing or other software, create picture labels.
6. Print and affix with clear packing tape, or laminate and attach.

**Remember, as the adult you are the creator of the environment. Print rich environments support early literacy skills.**

### The Benefits of Labeling with Pictures and Words

1. Labels provide a visual cue for children and adults. This cue sets the expectation of how to clean up and store materials.
2. Labeling supports independence and initiative for children. They can easily view materials and make a plan for play.



**Potato Head Pieces**

