



Making a Mini Den

Your challenge is to *INVENT* a character, then design and build their very own mini den.



1 Decide who your mini den character is going to be and draw them on paper and cut them out, or make them out of a pipe cleaner. Your character is up to you. It can be *ANYTHING* you imagine!

2 *IMAGINE* the story of your character, to help you design their home. Circle the words that apply or write your own.

How will your character get into their den? Will they **hop**, **walk**, **fly**, **slither** or **swim**? Or climb a **vine** or ride a **zip wire**?

Will they want their den:
warm or **cold**? **wet** or **dry**?
big or **small**? **comfy** or **basic**?
flat or on a **slope**? **dark** or **light**?
breezy or **sheltered**?



Will they be able to get to their food and water?



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Give them a name!



Top Tip:

Imagining you have *SHRUNK* down and become mini yourself may help you to design a homely mini den!



3 Who might want to *GOBBLE* your character up for a snack? Where could you locate their den to provide protection from them?

For instance... 

If your character was a **mouse**, 1 predator that might eat them is a *FOX*. As foxes can't climb or fly, building a den high up might provide protection for your mouse.

Ready, steady, build!

5 How can you give your den a *Grand Design* makeover? What would add a little **LUXURY**? Or **hidden** design features?

4 What building materials can you gather together from your bag to *BUILD* your den with?

What might give your den **STRENGTH, STABILITY AND STRUCTURE**?

What can you use to bind the building materials together?

What could provide protection from the elements & camouflage?



Finally, you can introduce your character to their new mini den!

Time to tidy up and wash your hands!

