



# MAKE THE MOST OF DRAMATIC PLAY

A Helpful Infographic from Housman Institute

## Rotate Materials!



Rotate materials in your dramatic play center to reflect what your children are currently learning about. This is a great way to keep kids engaged in an area that can often feel intimidating or uninviting if left the same for too long. Get kids excited by including them in the process...“Which materials should we take out for this week? Which ones should we add in?” This is a great way to boost interest!

## Include Emotions!

Have emotional representation in or around your Dramatic Play area. Pictures of frequently experienced emotions like happy, sad, scared, angry, frustrated, and excited can prompt emotional conversations, improve literacy and understanding around emotions, and act as a tool for problem solving when children are both in and out of character in that space.



## Representation Matters!



Having a diverse selection of play food, dress up items, and dolls can have a tremendous impact around the way children can feel empowered in their play, and learn to respect and appreciate similarities and differences among their peers -- a key element in emotional understanding and empathy.

**Are you ready to enhance Dramatic Play?**

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