

So Simple, So Much Fun

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Every January I buy things to give as presents from the hundreds of sale catalogs I get in the mail. It takes some planning to remember all the birthdays and of course Xmas gifts but you can save a bunch of money.

This February these things were delivered in a huge cardboard box. I saved it for my 5-year-old granddaughter in my laundry room closet. We took it out from time to time to use as a soccer goal in the hall of my building with my 5-year-old granddaughter Giovanna as goalie. I actually scored once or twice. She has used it as a tent, a cave, a space ship, a trap for my little dog. It came apart at the seams when she used it for snow sledding. When the weather got warmer she took the now flattened box outside my lanai in the large grass area and used it as a train, stopping by where I was sitting in my lawn chair for me to say "all aboard" and then she ran off again and again. She even uses it as a 'beach blanket' lying on it in the sun.

Take one cardboard box.

Add a child with lots of imagination.

Enjoy for hours and hours.