Reading Nook

Having a special space set-aside for reading encourages us to read more — solo and with others! Though summertime can be full of fun outdoor experiences, there’s always time to slow down, stay cool, and dive into a great story. Use your imagination to build a creative, comfortable reading nook.

Materials

- Covers - sheets, light blankets, towels, and comforters
- Anchors - chairs, tables, couch
- Fasteners - Clothespins, hair ties, rubber bands, chip clips
- Pillows or cushions
- Lighting - string lights, flashlight
- A book box or basket
- Small fan*

Instructions

1. Pick out your reading nook location. Choose a spot by a window or outlet if you will need natural light or a plug-in light source.
2. Arrange your anchor furniture in positions that allow for the necessary floor space.
3. Drape your covers and sheets over the anchors to create a canopy.
4. Cushion your floor space with blankets or comforters, and arrange the pillows and cushions.
5. Fill a box or basket with your favorite books and magazines, and place it in the nook.
6. Bring in any useful objects that will help your nook be comfortable.
7. Enjoy your reading nook!

Go Further

Host a family summertime read-aloud in your reading nook! Have each family member choose a favorite book or poem, and take turns reading them aloud while enjoying snacks and refreshing drinks.

Share a photo of your reading nook with us! Tag @bcmkids bcmmandyou

*small fan is optional but can be used for personal comfort.