

Toolbox #12

Let's create a robot

## Introduction



# What is this about?

Knowledge about robotics and Al-based devices are combined with creativity and ingenuity to build a robot. Different levels of difficulty can be chosen and tried out according to the children's level of knowledge and age.

In the process, the children can help each other and work together as learning partners. All kinds of material are used.

Advanced and experts can use programming, coding and electrical circuits.



Many features of a robot have been worked on with the children in Toolboxes 2-11. Now this knowledge can be activated. In addition, a robot centre could be visited, because children are interested in how a robot works and have their own, usually very concrete ideas of what a robot should look like.

So it is about bringing together all the impressions from the work with the toolboxes and beyond:

- · to create something that has no purpose
- · to feel what it is like to build a robot
- to pass a robot competition.

## Goals

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# Pedagogical professionals

#### Recognise,

how knowledge about robots and Al-based devices can be creatively connected.

#### Understand.

how children's enthusiasm for robots leads to an increase in their learning in terms of knowledge, skills and abilities.

# Children

#### Learn,

what it takes to design and build a robot.

#### Investigate,

where a robot comes from.

#### Recognise,

which components belong to a robot in the model and in reality.

#### Develop

an understanding of what a programmer must be able to do.

#### Have fun,

creatively building a robot and face a competition.



# Exercise

Level





# **Upcycling-robots**

#### Materials

cardboard boxes, tins in different sizes paint

glue as much used material as possible (waste)

#### **Preparation**

Make the materials accessible

#### **Implementation**

The children work in a group and decide whether they want to build the robot alone or in a team. All materials are laid out on a table. The children use their imagination and create their individual robot. They may want to be supported by the pedagogical staff. There is no specific outcome. The only requirement is it has to be a robot.

The children slip into the role of designers, constructors, technicians, mechatronics engineers, according to their individual wishes.

#### Variation

It is helpful if during the creation of the robot, the purpose of the robot is always considered with the: for cleaning, transport, pleasure.

### **Exercise**







# **Upcycling-robots 2**

#### **Materials**

#### The same as exercise 1

**Increase the challenge** other materials such as iron, wood, metal, parts of broken toys, etc. can be used. Batteries, wind, water or other types of energy sources can be added to this.

#### **Preparation**

Make the materials accessible

#### **Implementation**

· Same as exercise1

#### Variation

Have the children come up with a problem or a challenge they face in their everyday



## **Exercise**

Level



# **Upcycling-robots 3**

#### **Materials**

#### The same as exercise 1

**Increase the challenge** other materials such as iron, wood, metal, parts of broken toys, etc. can be used. Batteries, wind, water or other types of energy sources can be added to this.

#### **Preparation**

Make the materials accessible

#### **Implementation**

Same as exercise1

#### Variation

Shitty robot challenge: Instead of making useful robots, robots that can help people or solve different problems in your kindergarten, have the children create shitty robots. Robots that have no point, no purpose.



## **Imprint**

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