

To invent you need good imagination and a pile of Junk!

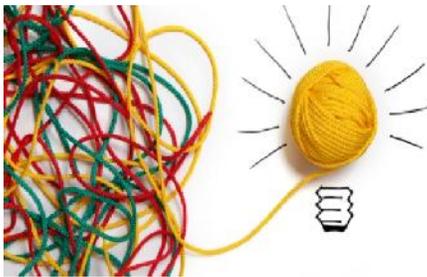
- Thomas Alva Edison

Once upon a time, a great scientist walked into his laboratory with just an idea. Little did he know that his **wild idea could actually change lives!** This scientist tried various combinations that he could find in his pile of junk that he had collected over the years. You know who he was and what he was trying to find? He was the great **Thomas Alva Edison** who invented the Electric Bulb. While he was trying to figure out an appropriate filament, he had to try thousands of them to find just the right material to glow well.



What we should sincerely learn from this great scientist is to **be hopeful and fearless in trying our hands on the wildest of the ideas that we may have.** We also have to **let our children do what they wish to do. Let them experiment, let them collect stones, feathers, wires, fancy trinkets. Let them hoard, let them invent!**

Prepare an 'Idea Box' for your children. Provide them with all the crafty objects. Ask them to put everything that they have collected in it. They can play and spend time with 'their boxes', 'their property' and in 'their own little laboratory!' Remember parents, we don't need anymore 'out of the box' thinking. What we really need to do is collect all those old boxes and make them fancy, creative and new.



Give your children chances to bake, make and break. It will help you open the window of divergent thinking to your child.

Make your home a Petri dish for creativity. You need to foster a creative atmosphere. Encourage a high volume of different ideas, but **resist the urge to evaluate** the ideas your kids come up with. At dinnertime, for example, you could brainstorm activities for the upcoming weekend, encouraging the kids to come up with things they've never done before. Don't point out

which ideas aren't possible, and don't decide which ideas are best. **Let the focus of creative activities be on the process i.e. generating new ideas.** (and not the possible outcome)



Encourage kids to make mistakes and fail. Kids who are afraid of failure and judgment will curb their own creative thought. Share the mistakes you've made recently, so they get the idea that it is okay to make mistakes. **Celebrate innovation and creativity.**

Cover their walls with art and other evidence of creative expression. Tell your kids all about your favorite artists, musicians, and scientists. Share your passion for architecture or photography or that new band you want to listen to all the time.

Embrace new technologies so your kids grow to find change exciting, not over-whelming or intimidating.



Here's where all you parents can get loads of ideas to unleash your / your child's Creativity!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_NHu6gM91aA

