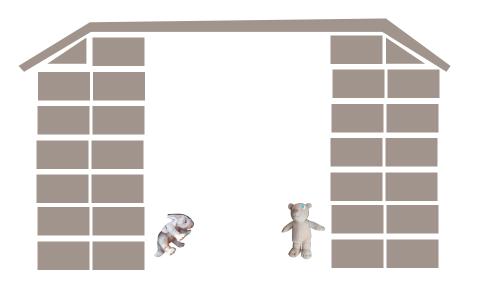
And when they were finished, they had a very VERY large, very VERY beautiful house.

They invited

to come in and play!



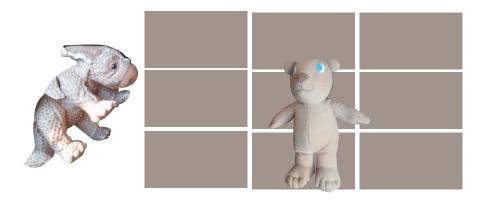
## Bear and Dinosaur Build a House





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Soon they had a wall that was taller than Bear.



Early one morning, Dinosaur decided to take a walk.

He walked through some green grass.

He walked past some tall trees.

He walked through a big field.

Finally, he came to Bear's house.

"Hello, Bear!" cried Dinosaur.

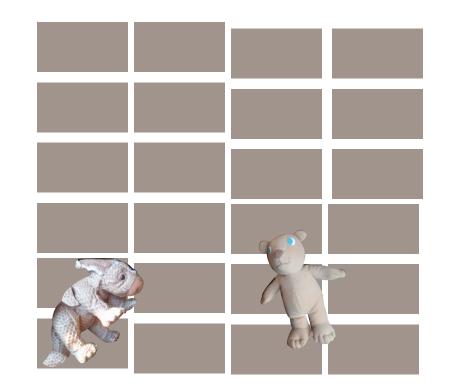
"Hello, Dinosaur!" answered Bear.

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This little book is an example of a "DIY Toy Story." Feel free to use *Bear and Dinosaur Build a House* as a starting point. Adapt the story, using photographs of your child's toys. Or, start small and just add a name and a little sketch on page sixteen!



"Would you like to come into my house?" asked Bear.

"Certainly," answered Dinosaur.

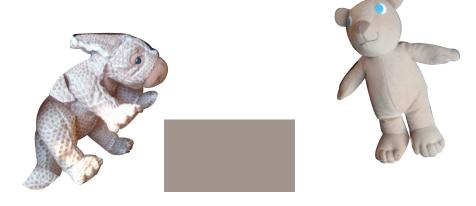
But Dinosaur could barely fit in Bear's house.

There was no room to play.

There was not even enough room to turn around!

"Oh, dear," said Dinosaur.

"Perhaps we should try playing in MY house."



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"This is a beautiful house for a bear and a dinosaur," said Bear,

"But I think that we need to make a BIGGER house."

"Why?" asked Dinosaur.

Bear whispered a plan in Dinosaur's ear.

"Oh, YES!" cried Dinosaur. That is a great plan, Bear."

So the two friends got back to work.

They worked and worked and worked.

There once was a bear who lived in a box.

He was very happy in his box. It was just the right size for a bear.



"I have an idea!" announced Dinosaur.

"We can build a new house.

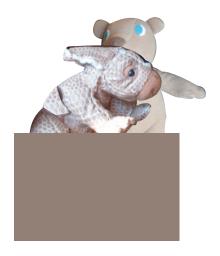
We will make the house BIG.

We will make the house big enough that we can play and play and play!"

"I agree!" shouted Bear. "Let's get started right away!"

So Bear and Dinosaur found some big cardboard blocks.

They began to build.



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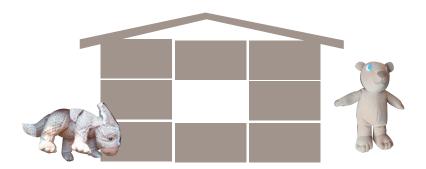
Nearby, there was a dinosaur, who lived in a larger box.

Dinosaur was very happy with his box. It was just the right size for a dinosaur.



Dinosaur and Bear kept building all afternoon.

Finally, they had a very large, very beautiful cardboard house.



So the two friends went walking.

They walked through the big field.

They walked past the tall trees.

They walked through the green grass.

They arrived at Dinosaur's house.

Both friends fit in the house, but they still had a problem:

There was no room to play.

