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Mud Kitchen

HPWP-MUDKITPUMP

Shipping Weight: 180 lbs
Shipping Dimensions: 60"L X 46"W X 27"H
Brand: Natural Playgrounds Company
Toxicity: child friendly wood preservative
Age Appropriateness: 3-10 years

Mud Kitchen. That’s all you have to say. Mud Kitchen!

Creative play at its finest, Mud Kitchens encourage children to make up stories about dinner, recipes, mixing things together, serving up dishes, and eating.

A little dirt, add a little sand, add a little water, add sticks, stones, pine needles, grasses, and flowers and you have a thick, savory soup fit for a king.

This Mud Kitchen is a specially designed play and learning element that has the best features of many popular and handmade Mud Tables. It has hanging holes, racks, shelves, a work space, and a plastic basin (with a drain) that’s removable so lots of projects can be going on at once. There is also a lower shelf for storing other basins, flowerpots, and tools.

The neat thing about mud is that it can have varying characteristics depending on the composition of the mixture. Lots of dirt and a little water = thick mud that holds its shape. The other way around, lots of water and little dirt, and you have a soupy mix.

Kids will experiment with everything in between, so it gives them an excellent opportunity to try out their concoctions. And what’s more fun than getting their hands dirty, up to their elbows in the one play activity they’ll never forget?

We’ve done hundreds of workshops with adults, asking them to remember some of their favorite outdoor play activities and invariably making mud pies is at the top of their lists.

Mud Kitchens also encourage a tremendous amount of socialization, group decision-making, problem-solving, and learning how to resolve conflicts which inevitably arise as other children want to add things to the mix.

The LARGE Mud Kitchen comes in 3 iterations:

1. with our famous, sealed, completely safe, stainless steel pump which is fed by a cistern that is hooked up to a hose or underground pipe for a constant source of water. The cistern contains a float valve that keeps water in the tank as the kids pump it out, but then turns off when the kids stop using the water. Comes with 2 gallon bucket for emptying sink.

2. With a metered faucet instead of the pump; includes the hose with fitting to attach to a garden hose. Comes with 2 gallon bucket for emptying sink.

3. With a sink, but no water source. You provide your own! Comes with 2 gallon bucket for emptying sink.

The sink has a drain, and the shelf under the table is where the included bucket is placed to collect whatever is being washed out of the basin for reuse on your garden.

Mud Kitchen with a full set of simple, installation instructions.

This is the one item that your natural playground must have, so don't even hesitate! It is worth every penny!

The Mud Kitchen is 60" long and 45" tall. The counter is 20" off the surface and its approximately 24" wide. If you want to use the Mud Kitchen for smaller children, we can drop the height of the counter. Just let us know!! :)

We now offer a SMALL version of the Mud Kitchen. This is much easier for infants and for young and even older toddlers to manage.

We make it even more customizable with legs you can either leave as they are, or you can cut them shorter for older infants. When it's delivered, the play surface is 18" high, but the legs can be cut to make it as low as ~15".

You can order this SMALL mud kitchen with no sink or faucet, or with just a sink, or with both the sink and the metered faucet.

The sink does not have a drain, but it's small enough to lift out, especially because we made an easy access panel to make gripping and lifting the sink a breeze.