

We all know getting your kids to tidy up can be a challenge! It can be helpful to prepare them for the end of an activity and that they will need to tidy up soon.

Cut and laminate (if you can) the following visual, along with the thumbs up counters underneath (you will also need blue tac or Velcro).

When the children have 10 minutes left put the first thumbs up counter on and give them a 10 minute verbal warning, 5 minutes later put the 2<sup>nd</sup> counter on and then when there is 1 minute left you can put the 3<sup>rd</sup> thumbs up on the chart.

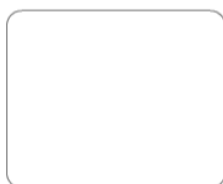
When the 10 minutes is up, it's 'tidy up time'; try to make it fun – blow a whistle/play some music maybe set a timer and challenge them to tidy up in 3 minutes?

Remember for new visuals to work they need to be used consistently for a while so your kids develop an understanding of what is expected from them.

Hope this helps 😊



## Tidy up countdown...



Time to tidy up!



thumbs up



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