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**Storytime Starters**

**Carpentry**

**Books for Toddlers:**

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*Alphabet Under Construction* by Denise Fleming, © 2002. (CONCEPTS, Fleming)

*Bling Blang* by Woody Guthrie, © 2000. (RHYMES, Guthrie)

*Old MacDonald Had a Woodshop* by Lisa Shulman, © 2002. (RHYMES, Shulman)

*Tap Tap Bang Bang* by Emma Garcia, © 2010. (CONCEPTS, Garcia)

*Tools Rule* by Aaron Meshon, © 2014. (FAVORITES, Meshon)

**Books for Preschoolers:**

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*Building a House* by Byron Barton, © 1981. (+690.8373 Barton)

*Building Our House* by Jonathan Bean, © 2013. (GO, Bean)

*Building Tools* by Inez Snyder, © 2002. (+684.16 Snyder)

*The House that Zack Build* by Alison Murray, © 2014. (RHYMES, Murray)

*Iggy Peck Architect* by Andrea Beaty, © 2007. (STORIES, Beaty)

*Raise the Roof!* by Anastasia Suen, © 2003. (STORIES, Suen)

*This Is the House that Jack Built* by Simms Taback, © 2002. (RHYMES, Taback)

*Tools* by Taro Miura, © 2005. (CONCEPTS, Miura)

*Tools* by Ann Morris, © 1992. (CONCEPTS, Morris)

**Fingerplays & Songs :**



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### **The Hammer Song**

Jenny works with one hammer,  
(swing left fist, hammer motion)

One hammer, one hammer.

Jenny works with one hammer.

Then she works with two.

Jenny works with two hammers,  
(swing right fist as well)

Two hammers, two hammers.

Jenny works with two hammers.

Then she works with three.

Jenny works with three hammers,  
(stamp left foot as well)

Three hammers, three hammers.

Jenny works with three hammers.

Then she works with four.

Jenny works with four hammers,  
(stamp right foot as well)

Four hammers, four hammers.

Jenny works with four hammers.

Then she works with five.

Jenny works with five hammers,  
(nod head as well)

Five hammers, five hammers.

Jenny works with five hammers.

Then she goes to sleep!

(stop all motions and rest head on  
hands)

### **Five Little Nails**

Five little nails

Standing straight and steady

Here comes the carpenter

With a hammer ready!

Bam! Bam! Bam!

(Count down to one nail. After each  
verse, ask kids how many nails are left.)

### **My House**

I'm going to build a little house

(fingers form roof)

With windows big and bright

(fingers and thumbs form windows)

With chimney tall and curling smoke

(stand with arms up in air)

Drifting out of sight.

In winter when the snowflakes fall,

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(hands flutter down)  
Or when I hear a storm  
(hand cupped to ear)  
I'll go sit in my little house  
(sit down)  
Where I'll be snug and warm.  
(Cross arms over chest)

### **A House for Me**

(perform actions indicated by words)  
The carpenter's hammer goes  
Rap, rap, rap,  
And his saw goes see, saw, see,  
He hammers and he hammers,  
And saws and saws.  
And builds a house for me!  
(draw an outline of a house in the air)

This is the way we build a house,  
Build a house, build a house.

This is the way we build a house,  
So early in the morning.

This is the way we hammer the nails,  
Hammer the nails, hammer the nails.

This is the way we hammer the nails,  
So early in the morning.

This is the way we saw the wood,  
Saw the wood, saw the wood.

This is the way we saw the wood,  
So early in the morning.

### **This is the Way We Build a House**

(Tune: "Mulberry Bush")

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### STAFF ONLY

**Big Book:** This Is My House

**Flannel Boards:** My Tool Chest, The House that Jack Built (2 options), The House in the Woods, Green House, Not a Box

**Prop Stories:** Three Little Pigs (puppets)

**Movies:** I'm Dirty (DVD, 8min.), Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site (DVD, 9min.)

**App:** Sago Mini Toolbox + Fox & Sheep Little Builders

**Stamps:** Little House

**Craft:** Using die-cut shapes (and any other craft supplies you want to use!), have the children "build" something. They can then glue them onto construction paper and decorate.

**Play Literacy:** Play with blocks at the end of storytime.

**Early Learning Tip:** Books are tools! Help your child understand how a book works by talking about the parts of the book, how to hold it, and how to use it.