

## Superhero Tools

Imagine a unique superhero and design and build a prop or tool your superhero would use! In the video, you will learn how to brainstorm your very own superhero and work through the steps to design and create a prop to take your superhero to the next level.

### How-to video

<https://youtu.be/OU-V3It8lyQ>



### Materials:

- **The materials will change depending on your unique superhero tool design! You might want some paper and pencils to help design your prop, along with tape, string or floss, and scissors to help assemble your prop.**

### Steps:

1. Brainstorm a list of potential superpowers. In the video, Kelsey brainstorms by going for a walk and taking inspiration from nature for her superpower, but brainstorming is different for everyone! You can go for a walk, or write down a list, or draw out some ideas that pop into your brain when you think of the word “superhero”. Your superpower can be based on anything! Your favorite food, or animal, or your hobby, you can even base your superpower on things you dislike.
2. From your brainstorming session, pick one superpower that stands out to you—this could also help you name your superhero.
3. Based on your superpower, think of a tool or prop that could be helpful to your superhero. Batman has his utility belt, Wonder Woman has her lasso of truth, Black Panther has his necklace that stores his uniform, what tool will you design?
4. Sketch out a rough design of your prop. It’s helpful to label the different parts of your design to help you decide what materials to use.
5. Gather all materials you think you might need! You might gather more materials than you end up using. It also might be helpful to grab some string, tape, or other materials that can help with the building process.



6. Start building! It might not be perfect right away, but you can keep refining until your prop works how you want. Or you can use your first build as a prototype for an even more complex version of your superhero tool.
7. Go further! If you can, design what the rest of your superhero costume might look like!

**Caregiver tip:**

These are just the first steps to developing a character. You can encourage your learner to keep going and expand their character creation by asking questions such as: Where do they live? What's their backstory? How did they get their powers? Who is their foe and what are they fighting for? Do they have friends or family?

If you are looking for a fun way to start the conversation with your learner, working together on the smaller details of the character could be a great choice. What's their favorite food? Or color? Do they have a dog or a cat? Both small and big details will help create a fully realized character.