



***The Little Red Fort***  
by Brenda Maier

**Recommended Books:**

*The Little Red Hen* (original)

- ***The Little Red Hen*** by Byron Barton
- ***The Little Red Hen*** by Paul Galdone

*The Little Red Hen* (retellings)

- ***The Little Green Hen*** by Alison Murray
- ***Holy Squawkamole! Little Red Hen Makes Guacamole*** by Susan Wood
- ***The Little Red Hen (Makes a Pizza)*** by Philomen Sturges

Girls in S.T.E.M.

- ***Rosie Revere, Engineer*** by Andrea Beaty
- ***The Most Magnificent Thing*** by Ashley Spires
- ***How to Code a Sandcastle*** by Josh Funk
- ***Cece Loves Science*** by Kimberly Derting

Tools

- ***Monkey With a Tool Belt*** by Chris Monroe
- ***Tools Rule*** by Aaron Meshon
- ***Whose Tools*** by Toni Buzzeo
- ***My Friend Robot*** by Sunny Scribens

## **Fingerplays:**

### **Five Little Nails**

(Tune: This Old Man)

Five little nails, standing straight and steady  
Here I come with my hammer ready!  
With a bam, bam, bam! That nail goes down.  
Now there's just four nails to pound.  
(count down)

## **Action Songs:**

### **Johnny Works with One Hammer**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jU3gzCBleNc> for actions

Johnny works with one hammer  
One hammer, one hammer,  
Johnny works with one hammer,  
Then he works with two.

Johnny works with two hammers,  
Tne hammers, one hammers,  
Johnny works with two hammers,  
Then he works with three.

Johnny works with three hammers,  
Three hammers, three hammers,  
Johnny works with three hammers,  
Then he works with four.

Johnny works with four hammers,  
Four hammers, four hammers,  
Johnny works with four hammers,  
Then he works with five.

Johnny works with five hammers,  
Five hammers, five hammers,  
Johnny works with five hammers,  
Then he goes to sleep.

## **Construction Worker Song**

(Tune: The Wheels on the Bus)

*This is an action song, so we make sawing, nail pounding, stacking, drilling, etc. motions while singing the song.*

This is the way we pound our nails, pound our nails, pound our nails  
This is the way we pound our nails, so early in the morning

...saw the wood  
...turn the screwdriver  
...drill a hole  
...stack the bricks  
...stir the paint  
...paint the walls

### **Activities:**

Build your own fort with the materials of your choice:

- Cushions
- Blankets
- Cardboard

Mini Fort:

- Popsicle sticks
- Blocks
- Books

Try drawing your fort first and then build from your drawing!

Make a Paper Tool box (variant: cut a strip of paper long enough to go around your child's waist and glue tools to their "toolbelt.")

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