Create a cosy reading den

If you're a passionate reader, it's a good idea to have a special place where you can read in peace. Here is one way to make a cosy reading den, but it can be adapted depending on what you have at home. If you need inspiration for what to read next, and want to win a book bundle worth over £200, don't miss our Summer of Reading campaign. Find out more at theweekjunior.co.uk/summerofreading

What you need

- Some space where you won't be disturbed
- Soft materials like cushions and blankets
- A few spare books
- A window and/or a lamp

Instructions

Make sure you choose the right spot. A good den offers comfort, light, shelter and warmth. You might want a quiet corner space against the wall, allowing you to sit upright with your back supported, or lying down with your legs up against the wall. Near a window is good for natural light. If it is not near the window, make sure there is a plug socket nearby so you can use a lamp. Try to avoid anywhere near a TV or a clock because both can be distracting. Find a couple of cushions and blankets, one to sit on and one to wrap around you. If you have a beanbag or a favourite toy, bring it into the den along with a few spare books – just in case.

Make your den unique to you.

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Organise your bookshelves

Here's a simple way to keep all your books in one place, where you can easily see what's on the shelves and pick the book you want to read next.

What you need

- A bookshelf
- Books
- Photo frames and knick-knacks (optional)

Instructions

Consider your books. There may be some that can be donated to your local library or charity shop, making more space. Decide how you want to arrange the books. Some people like them in alphabetical order; others group them in colours or themes. Start rearranging the books according to your scheme, with the spine facing outwards. You may want to add photo frames or other knick-knacks. Send us your shelfies (photos of you and your shelf) and we'll post them on social media. Email *hello@theweekjunior.co.uk*.

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