Useful life hacks Posted by tzitzis dude - 11 May 2025 14:20

Title says it all. Let's go.

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Re: Useful life hacks Posted by tzitzis dude - 11 May 2025 14:24

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Re: Useful life hacks Posted by balancedfox70 - 14 May 2025 15:50

Grocery cardboard boxes make great play centers for your kids! They only cost \$1 and can result in hours worth of play.

As a bonus you can get creative by making designs on them and convince them that its some kind of car or spaceship whatever...

The only caveat is finding a way to get rid of them once they start falling apart without them noticing.

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Re: Useful life hacks Posted by ?? ????? - 14 May 2025 16:34

Adding disposable plastic cups so they could make a tower

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Re: Useful life hacks Posted by kavey - 14 May 2025 18:09

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Honestly we wrap the soup pot (and a pillow on top!) and we find that keeps it plenty hot without a blech or tealights.

And kugel/chicken we heat in the oven right up till candle-lighting and then keep the oven closed. Also keeps it plenty hot.

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Re: Useful life hacks Posted by tzitzis dude - 14 May 2025 21:36

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Maskim. I guess I'd just have to ensure my wife isn't present. "What are tot, CRAZY??? You could cause an inferno!!!" "But honey, that's kinda the point-"...

Re: Useful life hacks Posted by balancedfox70 - 15 May 2025 00:16

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Re: Useful life hacks Posted by kavey - 15 May 2025 00:28

benadryl

Re: Useful life hacks Posted by ?? ????? - 15 May 2025 00:28 _____

Which age kids

0-5 years I would sit in their room sing for them in maximum 8 minutes they are snoring but works only when they are tired

Re: Useful life hacks Posted by ?? ????? - 15 May 2025 00:30

I have also tried once to turn on for them meditation music

Re: Useful life hacks Posted by yitzchokm - 15 May 2025 00:38

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Ask a rov about this one. My rov didn't like the idea but I forgot the circumstances and the reasoning other than that the tea lights were in the oven.

Re: Useful life hacks Posted by tzitzis dude - 15 May 2025 02:42

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Start the bedtime process early. Keep the pressure off. If you're pressured, they feel it. Listen to their day for a few minutes, sing/say ??? and stuff. **Warning: Spoiler!**

Re: Useful life hacks Posted by markz - 15 May 2025 03:36

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1 Bottle Warning: Spoiler! Re: Useful life hacks Posted by tzitzis dude - 15 May 2025 04:26

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Plus a shot (or two, three, whatever it takes) of rum, tequila, red wine... Warning: Spoiler!
