

Ted makes a tower – A Learning Story

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Ted, I observed you playing in the block area alongside some other children. I have noticed you often enjoy playing independently with the blocks, quietly designing your own creations. I was reminded of your home visit, where Evey and I helped you to build a tower using the Duplo.

Today you decided to make a tower using the cylinders. I watched you carefully stack two small cylinders on top of a large cylinder. You found a small triangle to pop on the top. You noticed a friend next to you copied your design and made the same tower with the same blocks.

I asked you if you could now make it any taller? You quickly set to work, finding more small cylinders. You carefully placed each one on top of the next, getting higher and higher. The tower wobbled slightly but you gently continued, persevering with your challenge until it reached above your shoulders. Again, you used the same small triangle block to complete your design. This told me that you had finished your tower. Ted, you stood back to admire your work. You were so proud of yourself and I commented that it was almost as tall as you! Again, your friend was mirroring your design, wanting to make their own tower as tall as yours.

Ted, I look forward to observing more of your block play. Now that you can confidently build a stable tower we can move on to building bridges. I wonder what you will make next?

