

# CREATE-A-PLAY WITH KERFUFFLE!

## A Play Development Kit for Kids and Grown Ups

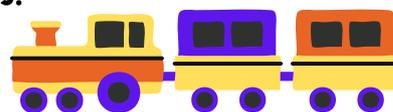


### HOW TO USE THIS KIT

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Kerfuffle is a theatre and dance company that specializes in creating performances for very young children. All of our shows are created in direct partnership with children because how else will we know what surprises, delights, bores, interests or engages a child under six years old? Children are active partners in our play development, helping us create the characters and decide the plot of each Kerfuffle show. Our work is typically developed in-person with children in classrooms or museums. Due to current circumstances, we're moving our process online this summer to continue creating art, and that's where YOU come in!

Welcome to our first ever PLAY DEVELOPMENT KIT - a printable "creation guide" for kids and their grown ups to work together and use their imaginations! Filled with drawing prompts, drama games, links to videos with songs and stories, our questions are intentionally open ended to inspire creative answers.

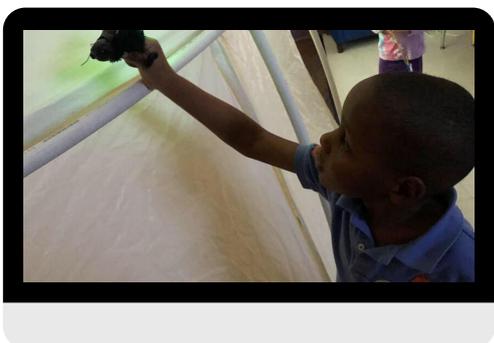


We hope you will feel inspired to create and play together! Your fantastic creations and ideas will directly impact Kerfuffle's newest play for very young audiences, "The Conductors."

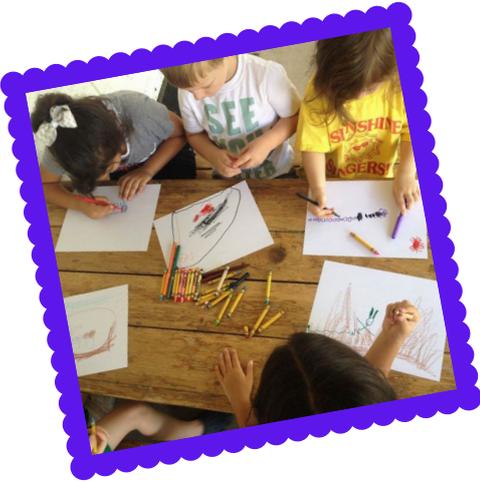
**HEY GROWN UPS!** Read the questions to your children and record the answers! **SHARE YOUR IDEAS WITH US!** Without your brilliant brainstorms, our play has no life.

Send all ideas, pictures, photos, and videos to [kerfuffletvy@gmail.com](mailto:kerfuffletvy@gmail.com) or tag us on Instagram (@kerfuffle\_tv) and Facebook (Kerfuffletvy)! Kits can be mailed directly to us, too! Email us for a pre-paid envelope. Later this summer, we will have a virtual TOWN HALL where we can play some games together and discuss all of your ideas! Stay tuned for the date.

We can't WAIT to see what you come up with!  
**ALL ABOARD!**



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## CHOO CHOO!

This issue is all about engines and the sounds that trains make! Chuga chuga chuga chuga...choo choo! What other sounds do trains make? **HEY GROWN UPS!** Click [HERE](#) or visit [tinyurl.com/magictrain2](http://tinyurl.com/magictrain2) for an interactive introduction to this issue's theme, featuring some cool photos of trains and a familiar tune!

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Take a Ride on  
the Magic Train  
with Jamie!

Issue 2: Engines

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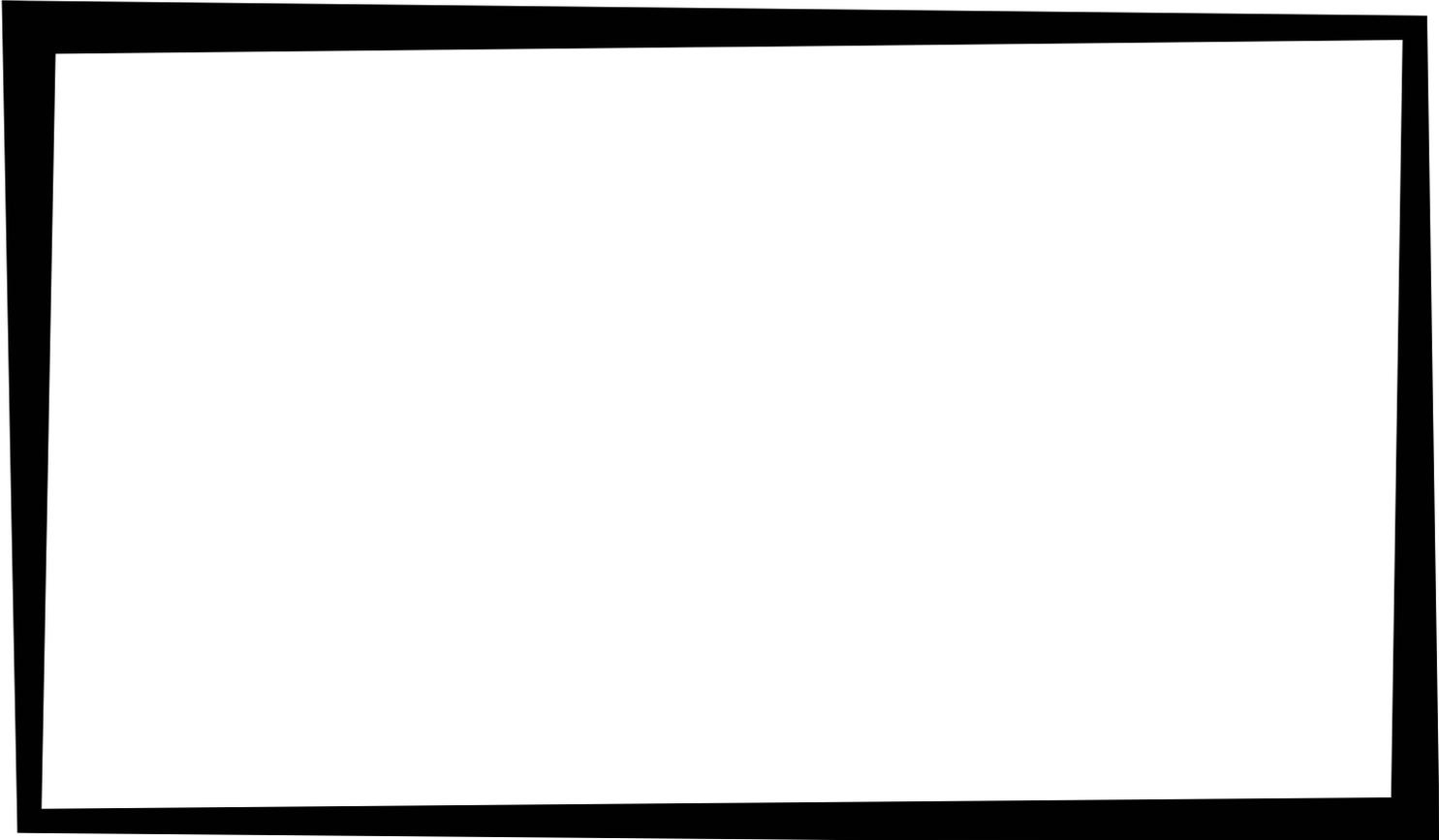


# Engine Brainstorm

Trains have engines that go, "Chuga chuga choo choo!"  
What else needs an engine to move? A car? A bus? A plane?

**HEY GROWNUPS!** Invite your little one to design a never-before-seen, brand new vehicle that uses an engine to move. How large is it? Can humans ride in it? What does it sound like when it moves?

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## Transportation Station

Using teamwork with the people at home, create these different kinds of transportation using **ONLY** your bodies, voices, and imaginations!

- A Train
- A Race Car
- A Rocket Ship
- A Boat
- What can you think of?



Explore how each vehicle moves and what sounds they make.  
Send a video of your family's teamwork to [kerfuffletvy@gmail.com](mailto:kerfuffletvy@gmail.com)!

# Silly Trains!

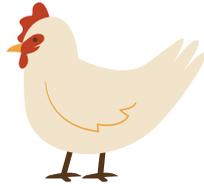
Look at the pictures below.

**HEY GROWN UPS!** Some questions to ask:

What if each of these were a train? How silly!

What would a **CHICKEN TRAIN** sound like!? Would it say, "CLUCKA CLUCKA CHOO CHOO?" Say what you think out loud for each picture.

Then, choose your favorite and design it in the box below.



# Read Aloud with Jamie!

**HEY GROWN UPS!**

Click [HERE](#) or visit [www.tinyurl.com/jamiereads](http://www.tinyurl.com/jamiereads) to watch Jamie reading Donald Crews' colorful book, "Freight Train".



## Scavenger Hunt

Jamie has an assignment for you.



"Freight Train" features so many different cars, with some many different colors! What were some of your favorite colors in the book?

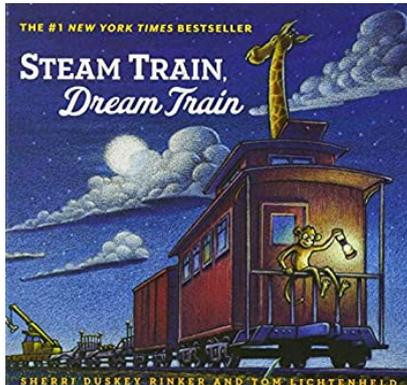
Look around your house, or go outside, and find some different objects to match each of the different colors in the book! I found a red heart to match the red caboose! What will you find? Send your photos to [kerfuffletvy@gmail.com](mailto:kerfuffletvy@gmail.com)!



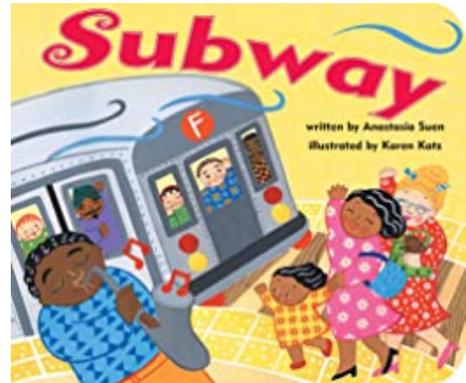


# Keep Exploring!

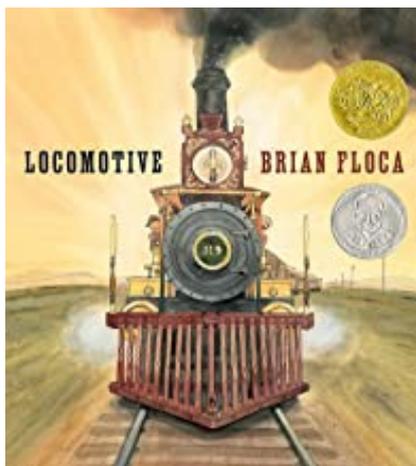
Here are a few of our favorite books featuring the sounds of a train and other vehicles that run because of engines.



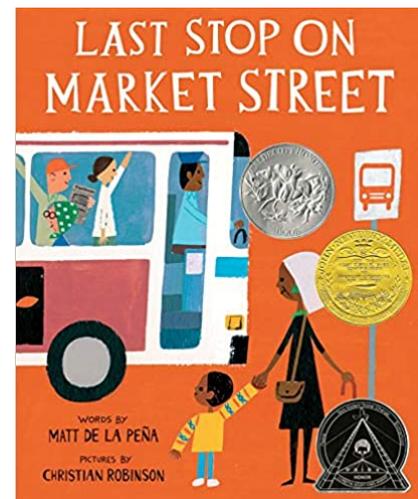
**Steam Train, Dream Train**  
Written by Sherri Duskey Rinker  
Illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld



**Subway**  
Written by Anastasia Suen  
Illustrated by Karen Katz



**Locomotive**  
Written and Illustrated by Brian Floca



**Last Stop on Market Street**  
Written by Matt de la Peña  
Illustrated by Christian Robinson



**WOW!!!!** You did it! You helped us make a play!

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# About Us



**Jamie Sandomire**

Before following her heart from sunny Arizona to Chicago, Jamie worked as a professional actor and theatre teaching artist, primarily for Childsplay, where she was an ensemble member for nine years. After graduating from Arizona State University with a degree in theatre, she toured the United States as an actor/director for Missoula Children's Theatre. In Chicago, she has taught with Kerfuffle, Dream Big Performing Arts Workshop, Windy City Performs, Emerald City Children's Theatre, and Adventure Stage Chicago. She currently teaches early childhood music and movement at Musical Magic, and is a certified children's yoga instructor. "My favorite part of riding the train in Chicago is sitting next to the window and seeing the incredible view of the lake!"

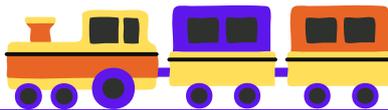
Ashley is a teaching artist, director, performer, playwright, and the founding Artistic Director of Kerfuffle. With Kerfuffle, she has developed and directed "Nested", "The Caterpillar's Footprint", and "Goose and Gert", a co-production with The Rose Theater in Omaha, NE. She has 10 years of teaching artist experience, specializing in drama in the early childhood classroom. In Chicago, Ashley teaches with Lifeline Theatre, Paramount School of the Arts, The Stage School, and Mission Propelle. "My favorite thing about trains is how many noises they make!"



**Ashley Laverty**



Kerfuffle is a theatre and dance company devoted to creating work with and for children under six years old. Kerfuffle brings high quality, aesthetically pleasing and emotionally interesting theatre to very young audiences in non traditional theatre spaces, such as libraries, art and children's museums, parks, and community centers. Made up of an ensemble of artists who teach, write, design and perform, Kerfuffle creates playful, multi-sensory theatre in partnership with children. Visit [www.kerfuffletvy.com](http://www.kerfuffletvy.com) for more information.



There are plenty of more games, activities, and questions coming at ya in our next issue! There is so much more to explore in order to create our new play, "The Conductors."

Our next issue is all about the PLACES trains TRAVEL! Where will YOU travel on your train?

See ya then!