**Ideas for Props for Dramatic Play**

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| **The Beach** blankets picnic basket beach umbrella sunglasses beach ball pretend suntan lotion | beach towel buckets and shovels shells lawn chairs straw hats play picnic foods | Beach Boys music swimming caps surfboard Snorkels fins flip flops |

**Flower Shop**

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| plastic flowers watering can seeds florist smock flower/garden magazines garden hats | dsmall garden tool spotting soil vases Garden gloves ribbon order book and pen | cash register/money phone plastic pots Styrofoam squares baskets |

**Restaurant**

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| tablecloth napkins dishes tablewear | menus (made w/ food pics) order pads/pencils Sign for restaurant aprons | hats Cash register trays play food |

**Veterinarian**

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| stuffed animals cotton balls gauze surgical masks pamphlets on animals | plastic gloves play money needless syringes exam table empty medicine bottles | pet brushes white lab coat pet carriers magnifying glass stethoscope |

**Fire Fighter**

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| yellow rubber raincoats boots old vacuum hose phone | whistle fire hats stepladder flashlight | fire safety posters walkie-talkies gloves baby dolls (to rescue) |

**Plumber**

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| piping - shapes, sizes tools toolbox | measuring devices spigots plungers hose/nozzles | hardware store flyers old shirt (w/ logo on pocket) |

**Bakery**

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| fresh playdough measuring spoons rolling pins aprons oven mitts cookie sheets | pictures of baked goods chefs hat muffin tins cake pans mixing bowls spoons | cake decorators order pads recipes cookie cutters flour shaker cupcake papers |

**Post Office**

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| envelopes postcards stamps (seals/stickers) boxes or packages dufflebag junk mail | mailbox scale mailperson hat stickers paper punch | cash register old blue shirt cash register pens, pencils, paper |

**Fishing**

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| boat (box) styrofoam packing worms net tackle box | sinkers/bobbers fishing hat pole w/ string, fish (w/ magnets) | binoculars fishing magazines camera thermos |

**Campping / Forest Ranger**

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| canteen flashlight tent knapsack grill fake campfire sticks w/ marshmallows binoculars | small skillet mosquito-netting nature books food supplies sleeping bags thermos fishing poles | fly swatter plastic ants small cooler lawn furniture orange vests paper plates |

**House Painter**

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| smocks paint brushes paint rollers buckets of water | paint rags paint trays cap | old shirts step ladder color sample wheels |

**Astronaut**

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| helmet airtank earphones globe | control panel moonboots flag moonrocks | walkie-talkies star decals a rocketship food in plastic bags |

**Jewelry Store**

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| old jewelry  necklaces, bracelets cash register | play money display case | jewelry boxes mall mirrors |

**Shoe Store**

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| lots of shoes shoe boxes cash register play money ruler or foot measurer | shoestrings shoe horn sacks pictures of shoes hook w/ service numbers | small chairs full-length mirror shoe polish (empty) order pad extra shoe laces |

**Doctor / Nurse**

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| paper nurses hats surgical masks/booties stethoscope cotton balls band aids telephone scale | white aprons or lab coat small flashlight hot water bottle gauze rubber gloves dolls/doll beds syringes (w/o needles) | empty medicine bottle hospital gown doctor bag x-rays thermometer rx pad/files old crutches |
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**Gas Station / Auto Mechanic**

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| tools/tool box steering wheels play money work clothes oil cans gas hose | cash register squeegee/bucket poster with prices tire gauge car keys funnel (for oil) | rags tire pump auto supply catalogue gas can (new) used/washed or new auto parts |

**Office Worker**

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| desk name plate old forms/files typewriter briefcase memo pad | phones/phone books paper/pens/pencils calculator stamps old computer | stapler paperclips junk mail pen holder rolodex |

**Police Officer**

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| pad for writing tickets small clipboard police hat stop signs | license plates blue shirt walkie-talkie badge | 911 signs black belt steering wheel whistle |

**Grocery Store**

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| play food check out area egg cartons paper bags | cash register play money sale flyers grocery cart/basket | aprons purses/wallets plastic fruit/vegetables coupons |

**Car Wash**

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| tricycles buckets water | buckets sponges squeegees | hose car wash signs play money |

**Pizza Parlor**

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| discarded pizza boxes play money order pad phones | bakery aprons cash register stove play pizza cutter | prep area cardboard circles (pizzas) with felt on one side felt toppings - green |