

Stickball

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[] is a fun sport that can be played on city streets. It is like a special version of []. Because it is so simple, kids of all ages can play it.

A lot of space is needed to play baseball. However, stickball can be played in small areas in the city. You can even play it between two apartment buildings or on []. Manhole covers or **sacks** of dirt are often used as the [].

Stickball has almost the same rules as baseball, but you need less [] to play it. To play baseball, you need [] and more. However, common objects can be used to play stickball. For example, a pink **rubber** ball called a Spaldeen is used instead of a baseball. A [] **replaces** the bat. This is how the game got its name, stickball!

Next time you're bored, don't turn on a video game. Find some everyday objects and play stickball with [].