

Cone pool

A large area of pine cones provides a quirky, safe surface to play on.



● Find a piece of ground that is not going to act as a sump and collect ground water. ● Excavate the ground to a minimum depth of 300 mm.

Lay 100 mm diameter perforated pipes 2m apart ensuring that water will be dispelled to the surrounding ground. Alternatively create a soak away with clean stone

40–100 mm in size. Line the depression and drainage elements with a porous membrane making sure that it is well tucked in to the surrounding soil at all edges. Fill with pine cones. ● Because loose materials tend to migrate it will be necessary to top up on a regular basis. At Jeskyns the cone pool needs topping up every three to four months.



Alternative loose materials

- Instead of pine cones, create a bark play space.
- Other loose materials: Pea gravel, sand, sticks, leaves, seeds (conkers, winged seeds).