

Diversity through standard

Play containers on the rise

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About

Containers are standardised. Play containers have many advantages because of this.

Due to their standardised form, containers can be shipped to any place in the world for little money. Due to their stable frame construction and their flexibility, they can also be used very well as a framework and outer shell for a variety of play and leisure facilities.

Play containers like the KuKuk Box can be used both temporarily and permanently — and they are becoming more and more common.

IMAGE: GAME CONTAINER IN BELINZONA (2020)

Temporary use

When cities and municipalities build or renovate (for example schools or kindergartens), they often need temporary facilities. These are usually located on derelict sites without child-friendly infrastructure. A play container can quickly provide a solution.

Just as well, the KuKuk Box can be dismantled and reassembled at a new location without much effort in case of a move or an upcoming change of use of a site.

These play containers are even used for events or for shorter periods of time.

KuKuk Box play containers do not require a building permit and can also be rented on a temporary basis.

IMAGE: INSTALLATION IN BELINZONA (2020)





Permanent use

The KuKuk Box can also be used as a permanent, attractive public play structure. This is particularly useful if a versatile play facility is to be created in a short time and for little money.

Play containers can be placed on all planned surfaces, including roofs and car parks. They are extremely low-maintenance. Time-consuming and costly expenses for planning, applications, excavations and foundations are completely eliminated.

Not bad either: the KuKuk Box can be set up in about two hours.

IMAGE: TEMPORARY EVENT AREA IN LEUVEN (2020)

Equipment

The play containers offer exciting areas for all age groups: There are climbing structures up to the roof, roof houses, crawl-



ling tunnels, balancing courses, slides, play houses, seating platforms, sandboxes, reading corners and much more. There is also seating for parents and nursery school teachers.

The KuKuk Box lives through its users. It is equipped with materials such as round, square and sawn timber, fasteners, ropes and paints that allow it to be expanded as desired. This means that schools, kindergartens and social institutions are free to design the play container themselves.

The fully-fledged playground encourages a lot of movement and also offers retreat areas that allow intensive play — no matter what the weather.

IMAGE: KUKUK BOX IN ISERLOHN (2020)



Design

ISO 668 applies to sea freight containers, which have a frame structure that can be used very well as a support element for the construction of foundation-free playgrounds. No excavated earth or concrete foundations cast for eternity are



needed for construction. This saves money and time. It is also sustainable, of course.

The containers are made of resistant COR-TEN steel. The walls are made of trapezoidal sheet steel, the floors are made of plywood.

The finish is high-quality and robust. The hardest woods and weatherproof, rustproof stainless steel connections are used. For the fixtures, sapwood-free, weather-resistant robinia wood is used because of its natural robustness.

IMAGE: KUKUK BOX IN ISERLOHN (2020)

Equipment

The slides are made of durable, UV-resistant stainless steel (V2A).

The nets and ropes are custom-made from extremely strong Hercules rope (sheathed steel ropes). This is a craft still practised by only very few manufacturers in Germany. The material is characterised by high colour fastness and abrasion resistance.

Coloured Plexiglas gives the children an intensive colour experience. It looks very good, the material is weather and age resistant as well as enormously UV resistant.



IMAGE: TEMPORARY PLAYGROUND IN LÜNEBURG



Safety and sustainability

The KuKuk Box play containers are built according to the safety standard DIN EN 1176 and are individually approved by independent, certified experts (e.g. TÜV) for public play areas.

When the play containers are no longer to be used, the manufacturer will take them back and create something new from the materials. Some call it a manufacturer take-back guarantee, others call it sustainability.

Many cities, municipalities and communities that started with the purchase of a KuKuk Box are now owners of several play containers. Such a "store" also makes the planning of reconstructions or refurbishments much easier.

IMAGE: PRIMARY SCHOOL IN WOLFSBURG (2020)

About KuKuk

The KuKuk Box was developed by an experienced team of artists, architects, carpenters, metalworkers and educators.

The aim and result of this development were and are inexpensive and sustainable play facilities of ecological value, which at the same time meet the highest functional and aesthetic demands. Of course, they should also be fun.

This has worked out well. Very well, in fact.

IMAGE: LARGE AREA OF SAND WITH PLAY OPPORTUNITIES



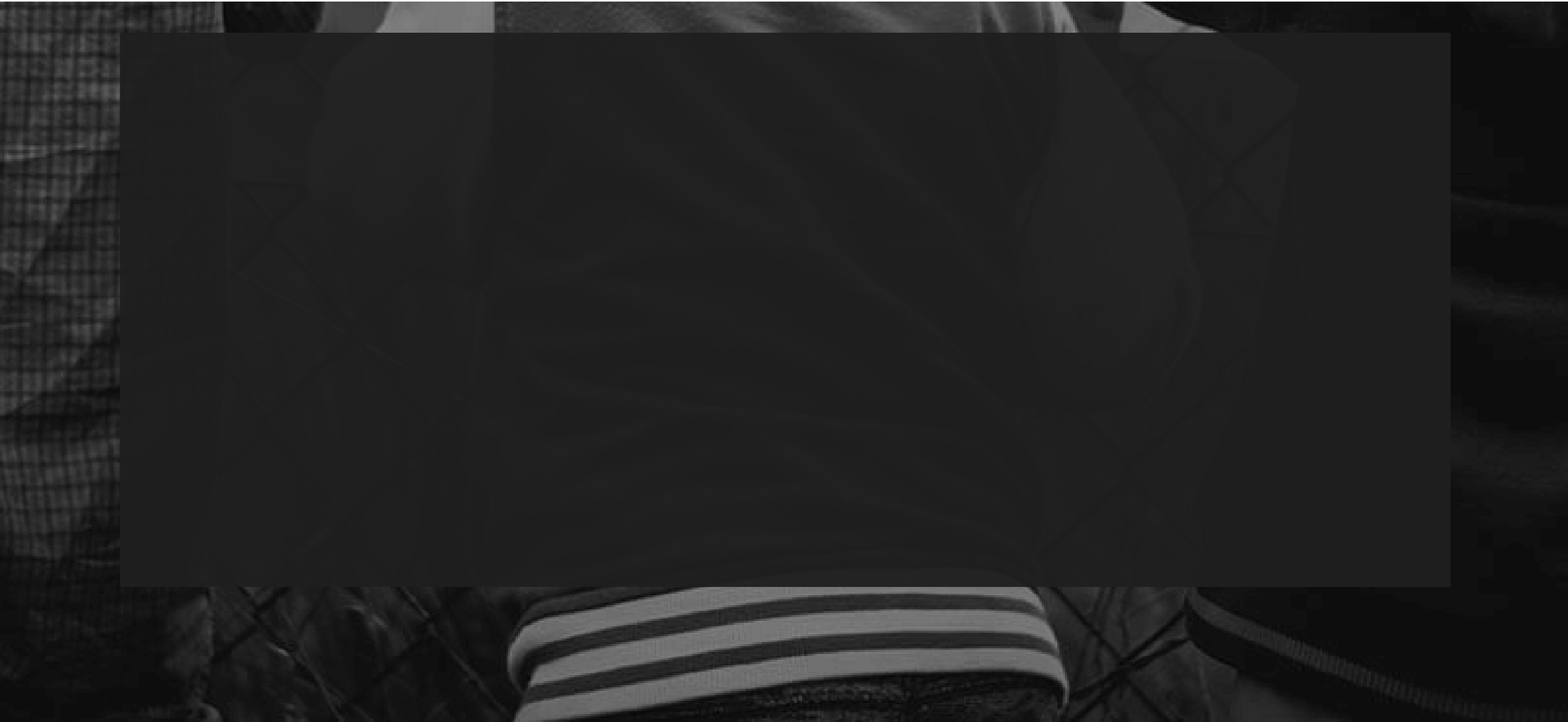
Video

KuKuk Box Container Playground - Mobile Public Playgrounds





How can we be helpful?



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“For us the chief point of interest is the place where the game is played. Generatly it is a simple circle, dyutamandalam, drawn on the ground. The circle as such, however, has a magic significance. It is drawn with great care, all sorts of precautions being taken against cheating. The players are not allowed to leave the ring until they have discharged their obligations. But, sometimes a special hall is provisionally erected for the game, and this hall is holy ground.”

Johann Huizinga, „Homo Ludens“

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