



## What is a Base?

Bases, also called posts, are communities where Soldiers and their families live. A base is set up like a small city to ensure that Soldiers have everything they need. You can build your own base using materials in your home and the graphics on page 2



## What does a Base need?

- 1. **Food**: A base has to have food for Soldiers and their families! The Post Exchange, nicknamed the PX, has a food court with variety of fast-food options for Soldiers and their families. The commissary is like your normal grocery store. Create a PX or Commissary for your base.
- 2. Emergency Services: Just like in your town, accidents can happen! That means you'll need emergency services. Build your own Hospital, Military Police station, and Fire station
- 3. **Postal Service**: Soldiers communicate with their families through letters. Create a Post Office for your base.
- 4. Education: Army children, or Army brats, also need to go to school and activities, just like you do! Create a School and Child Youth Services buildings.
- 5. **Religion**: Build a place of worship for your base.
- 6. Army Offices and Training Centers: A base is also a place where Soldiers work. Create offices and a training center for your base.
- 7. Put your base together: After you have created all the components to a base, put them together and give it a name.

My Base Name:

### **Materials**

- Cardboard Boxes
- Egg Cartons
- Toilet Paper Rolls
- String
- Tape
- Bottles
- Cans
- Pipe Cleaners
- Any other construction materials you can find around your home!





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# Build-A-Base

Cut out the signs to place on your own base to show what all your buildings are.







