.Picture frome Perfect for framing

...Marshmallow

Perfect for toasting

.Stirrer

marshmallows over a

campfire.

sticky, gooey

fork

Sketcher Turn a blank mud canvas into an outdoor masterpiece – use a stick to draw pictures and patterns or write messages in mud.

...Journey stick

Take pieces of brightly coloured wool on your next trip to the woods. Find a stick at the start of your adventure and tie different bits of wool around different bits of the stick to help you remember what you found, saw and heard. Tuck leaves, feathers, petals and other treasures into the wool too. It makes a brilliant keepsake and helps you remember your visit so you can tell others all about it.

.Game



Use sticks to make a grid for woodland noughts and crosses. Use more sticks

to create the noughts and crosses, or use pine cones, leaves or flowers instead.

... Fetching stick

Perfect for playing with the family dog:0)

... Twig tower

Collect sticks from the woodland floor and layer them on top of each other to see how high you can build a towering twig tower!

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Find a strong forked twig. Snip one side • of an elastic band to make one straight piece of stretchy elastic and tie it to your stick. Hunt for soft ammunition like berries or rolled up balls of grass then ping them at pine cones lined up in a row. (Never fire at people or animals.)

...Wind chime

Ancient Celtic tribes used to make wind chimes to scare their enemies into believing the woods were haunted by ghosts! Now most people enjoy the soothing sound they make instead. Hang sticks of different lengths and thicknesses from a branch and listen to them gently knock against each other in the breeze.

Pretend you're a stag living in

the woods. Find some sticks

through the woods.

It looks like a stick, ...Pair of antlers

it feels like a stick, but it's actually a ...

Den

..Stick man

Jse sticks for the body, leaves

and grass for hair and

clothes, and seeds for

eyes, noses and ears.

Sticks are the building blocks of dens! Use big sticks to make a den large enough for people to shelter in, or use little sticks to make a teeny tiny den for minibeasts.

For mud soups, flower petal perfumes or magic potions.

.. Pooh stick

Remember the game invented by Winnie-the-Pooh? You and your friends drop sticks from one side of a bridge over a stream or river. Then quickly race to the other side to see whose stick emerges from under the bridge first! (Make sure you work out which way the water is flowing or your stick will go the wrong way:0)

that look like antlers and hold them up to your head, then leap gracefully

... Sculpture Use sticks, leaves, seeds and petals to make fantastic outdoor sculptures, from animals to woven structures.

What will you make?

...An important sign

Use sticks to make a trail for your friends to follow through the woods. Or make up a secret

code of arrows, crosses and other symbols.

.Magical divining stick

Use your stick as a map - use the bumps, twists and knobbly bits on your stick to direct you through the woods to a secret, magical place

.. Magic wand

For casting spells or freezing people in place!



... Twirling mobile

Make a woodland mobile to hang from the trees ising sticks, eaves, autumn seeds and wool.

.. Broomstick

Collect a bunch of small, thin twigs and tie them to a much bigger, straight stick with string or sticky tape. 3/ Perfect for flying off in the moonlight or playing Quidditch!

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