

Learning and playing with STICKS



Create a stick skeleton

Collect sticks of different sizes, thickness and length. Its great if you can find curvy bendy ones or forked sticks.

Use each stick for a bone in your body and create a skeleton. This can be done with small sticks on some cardboard or extra large ones the same size as your body laid out on the grass!!

You may like to create your own design.

Create magical stick wands

Collect a stick and any interesting things you may find on a nature walk, a feather, a leaf or flower.

Use string to tie a secure knot onto the string, add your special treasures, wrap around and secure with another knot.

You may wish to colour the stick with texta or paint.

Now you are ready to cast spells.



Create nature art

Collect sticks of different sizes, thickness and length.

Use 4 sticks to make a frame for your nature art, you can lie this down on the ground on a tray or a paver. You can even tie off each corner with some string and knots.

Now its time to get creative!

Create words and numbers

Collect sticks of different lengths.

Make the letter of your name or even your full name.

You can also use a stick to draw in sand, dirt or mud. You can write your name or even tell a story using pictures drawn with your stick.



Sticks provide opportunities for children to become creative thinkers as they discover sticks are flexible, open ended and can be used in many ways. Stick play sparks children's imagination as they engage in dramatic play and storytelling with sticks. Sticks are a great way to build children's small muscles, strength and dexterity.

Have you read the "Not a Stick" book by Antoinette Portis?



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