



* Summer Reading Program*

Fantasy



Description:

Clothespin and Popsicle-Stick Furniture

Materials:

- Popsicle sticks (about 22 for each chair, 21 for table)
- Clothespins (at least 14 for the pictured chair)
- Glue
- Tape
- Paint or stain, if desired
- Pruning shears or heavy-duty scissors

Note/Tip:

- Remove the springs from the clothespins

- The shears or scissors will cut the popsicle sticks to length, if needed
- Use tape to hold the pieces together while the glue dries

Instructions:

- Once you have removed the springs from the clothespins, try laying them out in different ways to see what shapes they will make
- Glue up one section of the pictured chair at a time. Start with the legs, then the back, which is attached to the back legs
- Second, glue the skirting around the legs and under the seat
- Add the arms
- Finish with the seat – you can use as many pieces as you like to cover the seat
- For the popsicle stick furniture, lay out the tabletop upside down and glue 2 strips across to hold the top pieces together
 - A square table top is easier to do than a circle
- The table in the picture has a specially-cut pedestal
- You can make legs like the one on your clothespin chair or invent your own pedestal or legs
- The round back on the chairs is difficult to cut with clippers or scissors, so make up your own design

Observations/Results:

- Can you make up your own designs? Try a couch, a bed, or a picnic table
- How do you reinforce your furniture so it is stable

Additional Ideas:

Find a space in your yard (where your parents will let you) and set up a little sitting area for a fairy garden (or an elf or wizard garden)

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