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Shelter Building

All children like constructing at forest school. It could be a home for an animal or a shelter for Eeyore or a shelter for themselves. This information sheet looks at ideas of how to build shelters. You can see on the photos how the children have made a shelter

for Eeyore. The top photo shows a child making her structure by using Y shaped sticks at each end. These sticks are placed in the ground to make them sturdy. The children then find a stick long enough to fit between the two Y shaped sticks and rest it on the top. On the photo at the bottom, the children have continued to build upon the structure by placing sticks against the side of the structure, making a shelter for Eeyore. The children then felt that Eeyore would get cold as there was holes in the roof of the shelter so they thatched the roof with leaves gathered from the ground.



This photo shows a similar shelter made from sticks. The children went one step further and covered the shelter with bracken, (Caution! Bracken needs to be cut not pulled. It can rip hands!) The children then decided to make a seating area and fire pit of their own.



The children in this photo used a tripod of Y sticks at one end and a fork or a suitable branch in the tree at the other end to support the cross bar of their shelter.

Remember, as always the children have their own ideas and thoughts on making shelters, let them investigate their ideas first.

Free Standing shelter

This is made in a similar way to Eeyore shelter . Use 3 Y shaped sticks on each end of the structure, making sure that they are interlocked into each other, making a tripod strong enough to hold your weight when leaned upon. Once the Y sticks are in place they should be able to stand alone. The principle is then the same as the Eeyore shelters.

