

Twig-Picture Frame

Twigs are like nature's building blocks! They help plants stand tall and reach for the sun. Inside, there's a special highway that carries water and food to different parts of the plant. Little bugs and insects make homes in twigs. When twigs fall down, they turn into yummy food for the soil, and help other plants grow big and strong.

Age: All ages

Duration: As long as you need!

Materials:

- Twigs
- Popsicle sticks (optional)
- Hot glue gun
- Picture or drawing
- Markers
- Anything crafting materials

Instructions:

1. Go on a nature walk to collect thin, dry twigs of various sizes and shapes. Make sure to gather more than you think you'll need, (recommend no longer than 8 inches).
2. If you want a sturdy base for your frame, arrange popsicle sticks in a square or rectangular shape and glue them together. Let it dry completely.
3. Organize your twigs by size. You can have longer ones for the sides and shorter ones for the top and bottom of your frame.
4. Cut out a small square or rectangle from cardboard or heavy paper. This will be the "photo window" for your frame.
5. Lay out your twigs or popsicle stick base on a flat surface. Imagine how you want your frame to look. You can create a pattern or keep it random – it's up to you.

A: If you're using just twigs:

- Apply glue along one edge of a twig and press it onto the cardboard.
- Repeat until you've created the entire frame shape.

B: If you made a popsicle stick base:

- Apply glue to the back of each twig and press it onto the popsicle stick base.

6. Once the frame is dry, you can get creative! Paint your twigs or popsicle stick base in your favorite colors. Add extra decorations like beads, buttons, or sequins.
7. Glue this window onto the back of the frame, leaving space for a picture to fit.
8. If you want your frame to stand on a flat surface, you can glue an additional twig or popsicle stick to the back as a stand.

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