



FORAGED FRAMES

You don't need a workshop or heavy equipment to make beautiful things out of wood!

Join us in this picture-perfect activity as we scavenge up an art project.

SUPPLIES

- 4 sticks
- Twine
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Decorations like leaves, flowers, acorns, paint, etc. (optional)
- A photo you'd like framed (optional)
- Glue gun (only necessary if using decorations and a photo; adult supervision suggested)



INSTRUCTIONS

- Collect 4 sticks. They should be about the same length and thickness.
 - If you are using a specific photo, make sure that your sticks' dimensions correspond with those of your photo. So, if your photo is a rectangle, then 2 of your sticks should be shorter than your other 2.



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INSTRUCTIONS

- Lay your sticks on a flat surface in the configuration you'd like them (i.e. square or rectangle with dimensions corresponding to your photo, if using). The sticks should overlap at the corners.
- Cut 4 pieces of twine. The length will depend on the thickness of your sticks, but they should be long enough to successfully bind the corner sticks of your frame, see below for directions. We used 12 inch pieces.
- Bind the four corners of your sticks by weaving the twine around each of the 2 corner sticks several times and tying off at the back. Alternatively, you could secure the twine using glue gun. It may be helpful for you to mark the places on the sticks with pencil where you want to bind with twine.



- If you would like to, now is the time to decorate your frame! Paint your frame or use your hot glue gun to add leaves, flowers, acorns, etc. And don't stress the little details -- just like in nature, the imperfections are what makes something perfect!



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- If you have a picture to add, secure the photo into the middle of your frame with hot glue.
- If you'd like to hang your picture, use another piece of twine to create a hoop. To do this, tie one end of a piece of twine to one of the top corners of your frame and the other end to the other corner, leaving slack in the middle.
- Show us your frame! Tag us in a social media post on Facebook or Twitter.



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DID YOU KNOW?

Wood has been used to make frames for art for thousands of years! In fact, one of the first picture frames known to exist is made from wood. It was found in an Egyptian tomb and dates back to 70 AD!

Up until the 13th century, frames were carved from the same piece of wood as the art itself. However, the less costly approach of using strips of material as a frame was discovered, and the picture frame as we know it today was born.

But it's not just frames that are made of wood! Look around your home for other wooden things; we bet you'll find more than you thought you would. Check out the [Find-A-Forest-Product Scavenger Hunt](#) for a challenge!

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