

## Fun with sticks: activities and resources

### Stories:

- The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s8sUPpPc8Ws>
- The Gruffalo's child:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUQm8Qb64EI>
- Stick man:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FYNtFjFmoK4>  
(a short clip, 3.5 minutes)

### Activities:

Collect leaves, sticks, twigs, grasses and any other natural materials that you might find in your garden or on a walk. Use these to make a:

#### Make a bird's nest



#### A bug house



#### A journey stick



#### A leaf necklace



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### Make your own stick people



### Cardboard tube stick man



### Stick family



To make you will need: sticks, wool, string and paints, pens or googly eyes

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Sorting sticks



Look at your sticks. Tick the type of sticks you found.

Stick	✓
long	
short	
fat	
thin	
rough	
smooth	

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### Mud painting

#### Materials:

- Thick paper
- **Dirt** (1/3 cup of dirt for each colour of dirt paint you wish to make)
- Food colouring: red, blue, green (optional)
- Water

To make a smoother paint, break up any lumps with the back of your shovel.

#### Equipment:

Shovel  
Bucket  
Sticks for stirring  
Paint pots  
Brushes or sticks  
Paper (or tree trunks)



#### Method:

- Scoop 1/3 cup dirt into each paint cup.
- Add just a little bit of water to each cup and stir with a stick.

**You want the mud paint to be the consistency of a pudding.** If it is too runny, pour off a bit of water or add a little more soil.

Have fun painting your mud faces.

