Popsicle Stick Picture Frame

POPSICLE STICK CRAFT CARDS · CARD 1 OF 5

Ages 4–8 • 20 minutes + drying • Low mess

YOU NEED

- ☐ 8 craft sticks
- ☐ Wood glue (holds better than a glue stick)
- ☐ Paint, markers or stickers
- ☐ A favorite photo
- ☐ A magnet or string (optional)

MAKE IT

1. Lay 4 sticks in a square and glue the corners. Let the glue grab for a few minutes.
2. Glue a second stick alongside each side of the square, to make the frame wider and stronger.
3. Leave the frame lying flat until the glue is completely dry — about 15 minutes.
4. Paint or color your frame, and decorate it with stickers, buttons or drawings.
5. Glue the photo behind the frame, trim any edges that stick out, and add a magnet or a string loop to the back.

★ TIP

Write the date on the back of the frame. Future you will be glad you did.

Popsicle Stick Bird Feeder

POPSICLE STICK CRAFT CARDS · CARD 2 OF 5

Ages 4–8 • 25 minutes + drying • Low mess

YOU NEED

- ☐ About 15 craft sticks
- ☐ Wood glue
- ☐ String, about 2 feet (60 cm)
- ☐ Birdseed

MAKE IT

1. Glue 5 sticks side by side to make a flat floor.
2. Glue one stick along each edge of the floor to make a low lip, so the seed stays on.
3. Stack and glue more sticks around the edge, two or three layers high, like a little fence.
4. Tie a piece of string firmly to each corner, and knot the four strings together at the top.
5. Let the glue dry completely, fill the feeder with birdseed, and hang it from a branch you can see from a window.

★ **TIP**

Bring the feeder inside before heavy rain — soggy sticks come unglued.

Popsicle Stick Puzzle

POPSICLE STICK CRAFT CARDS · CARD 3 OF 5

Ages 4–8 • 15 minutes + drying • Low mess

YOU NEED

- ☐ 8–10 craft sticks
- ☐ Masking tape
- ☐ Markers or paint pens

MAKE IT

1. Line up 8 to 10 sticks side by side, touching, and stick masking tape across the back to hold them together.
2. Flip the sticks over. Draw one big picture across all of them — a rainbow, a face, a house, anything you like.
3. Let the ink or paint dry completely, then peel off the tape.
4. Mix up the sticks… and put your picture back together!

★ **TIP**

For little ones who need a hint, number the backs of the sticks in order before you mix them up.

Mini Popsicle Stick Airplane

POPSICLE STICK CRAFT CARDS · CARD 4 OF 5

Ages 4–8 • 15 minutes + drying • Low mess

YOU NEED

- ☐ 1 wooden clothespin
- ☐ 2 craft sticks
- ☐ Glue
- ☐ Paint or markers
- ☐ Scissors (grown-up step)

MAKE IT

1. Paint the clothespin and the craft sticks, and let them dry.
2. Glue one whole stick across the top of the clothespin, near the front. That is the main wing.
3. Grown-up step: cut the second stick in half. Glue one half across the back of the clothespin as the tail wing.
4. Glue the other half standing upright in the middle of the tail wing, as the tail fin. Let everything dry before take-off!

★ TIP

Paint stripes on the wings before you glue them on — it is much easier than painting afterwards.

Log-Cabin Stick House

POPSICLE STICK CRAFT CARDS · CARD 5 OF 5

Ages 4–8 • 30 minutes + drying • Low mess

YOU NEED

- ☐ About 20 craft sticks
- ☐ Wood glue
- ☐ A piece of card (for the base)
- ☐ Paint or markers
- ☐ Small decorations — a paper door, tiny flowers

MAKE IT

1. Glue two sticks side by side on the card base with a gap between them, then glue two sticks across their ends to make a square.
2. Keep stacking squares, gluing the corners each time, until the walls are 5 or 6 layers high — just like a log cabin.
3. For the roof, lean two rows of sticks from opposite top edges so they meet in the middle like a tent, and glue them in place.
4. Leave the house to dry completely — at least 30 minutes — then paint it and add a paper door.

★ TIP

Walls wobbling? Hold each new layer in place for a slow count of ten while the glue grabs.