

Activity: SHELTER BUILDING

Zone: SCOUT SKILLS

Can you build a shelter to protect you from the rain or give shade from the sun?

You will need

Wood (branches of various sizes and shapes, including a few y-shaped ones),
leaves/bracken (or a tarpaulin)

Instructions

- For ideas please watch the video below
- Safety first! Check the area you are in to make sure you don't come to any harm when building your shelter
- Remember to check above you, you don't want anything to fall on you! Then check the floor, make sure you are not on an insects nest for example.
- Avoid brambles, stinging nettles and other not very nice plants!
- What's the best location to pick? If you can find somewhere that offers you a bit of shelter already (and is safe) then make use of it!
- Construction... wood, wood and leaves! Y-shaped sticks will help support your shelter's entrance, find a nice long stick to make your ridge, various sticks to build your sides and lots of leaves will create lots of insulation and protection from the elements
- Tips and tricks...Use three y-shaped sticks to create a sturdy pyramid shape and then add a ridge for a really solid starting frame for your shelter
Alternatively, with the sturdy pyramid shape, you could leave the front open.

Remember, safety first when building any shelters!

Finally, don't forget to dismantle your shelter when you have finished with it.
Leave no trace!

Link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-cez02CXeU>

Risk Assessment

Who is at risk?	Beaver Scouts
What are the risks?	Dirt contamination Low impact injury Rough wood/splinters
How can the risks be minimized?	Adequate adult supervision at all times. Wash hands as soon as possible after activity. Adult to assess area for suitability for shelter building and monitor build for safety.

Beaver Scout badge link:

Outdoor Challenge



Adventure Challenge

