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CRAFT STICK RAFTS

Fashion a sea (or sink!)-faring vessel with a simple summer staple - popsicle sticks! Try blowing the sail with a straw to provide wind power for your ship. Are you going to give it a name?

Supplies in kit

- 8 long craft sticks
- 7 short craft sticks
- 2 paper sails (one is extra just in case)



- white craft glue
- markers or crayons
- water to float the raft on

Directions

1. Place 6 long sticks side by side. Select three short sticks and glue them across the first line of sticks, as shown. This will hold the long sticks together. Wait for the glue to dry.







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 Glue two long sticks across the three short sticks. This adds to the structure and gives it a little height. Wait for the glue to dry.





 Turn your raft over. Glue two short sticks on top of each other to make one thick short stick. Repeat with the remaining two short sticks. When dry, glue them close together on the top of the raft, leaving a very small space between them, just wide enough to slide in the sail.



- 3. When the stacks have dried, spread a little glue in the crack from Step 4, and slide in the sail.

4. Just add water and anchors aweigh!

Hint: While you wait for the glue to dry between steps, you can decorate your sail or read a good book about boats and sailing! These directions are for guidance only. Don't be afraid to experiment with new boat designs!

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Three Bears and a Boat by David Soman (ages 4-6)
The Antlered Ship by Dashka Slater (ages 4-6)
The Raft by Jim LaMarche (ages 4-6)
Waiting for High Tide by Nikki McClure (ages 4-6)