

Outdoor & Woodland Learning Activity Sheet

Activity:	Design and Build a Shelter											
Habitat:	Woodland			Season:	S	✓	S	✓	A	✓	W	✓

Level	
Early	
First	✓
Second	✓
Third and Fourth	✓
Senior Phase	✓

Curriculum topics			
Expressive Arts		Health and Wellbeing	
Languages	✓	Mathematics	✓
Religious & Moral Ed		Sciences	
Social Studies	✓	Technology	✓

Equipment*
Example sheets
Clipboards
Paper and pencil
Tools: pruning saw, loppers
String/rope
Scissors
Tarpaulin (optional)

Time
2 Hours +

Key outcomes
Working together improves team-building skills
Learning safe use of tools
Improving problem-solving skills
Create a shelter

*Items depicted in bold are available from CALLP

Activity description
<p>Introduce the task and have a look at laminated examples of dens. Opportunity to teach some effective fastening knots as well.</p> <p>Individually or in pairs build a miniature den to get an idea of how design might look, how wood could be joined etc.</p> <p>In bigger groups, share ideas and work together to come up with final plan.</p> <p>Work together to build den using natural materials.</p> <p>Tool talk and demonstration prior to making larger structures. Pruning saw to be undertaken with guidance of group leader. Other tool use depending on age and competencies.</p> <p>The activity can be simplified for younger levels.</p>

Notes
Can be linked with Animal Homes activity.

