# Build a tiny woodland shelter

A photographic guide for young woodland explorers.



**REAL WOODLAND SHELTER • AN A-FRAME DESIGN**

Your mission: build a shelter small enough for a pine cone or favourite little toy. You do not need tools, rope or living branches.

## YOUR MINI SHELTER KIT

Fallen straight sticks • Small twigs • Dry fallen leaves • A pine cone or small toy

Optional: a small flat stone to test against gentle wind. Keep the shelter low and lightweight.

# Eight steps to your shelter

Follow these stages with a grown-up.

### 1 Pick your place

Choose flat ground away from paths and wildlife homes.

### 2 Gather fallen materials

Collect loose twigs, small branches and fallen leaves.

### 3 Make your support

Rest a ridge stick safely across two stable supports; keep it low.

### 4 Form an A-frame

Lean similar-sized twigs against both sides of the ridge.

### 5 Fill the gaps

Place smaller twigs across the sides to make a lattice.

### 6 Add a leafy roof

Lay dry fallen leaves over the twigs to cover the gaps.

### 7 Test it gently

Does it stand? Blow softly near it to simulate a breeze.

### 8 Try it out

Place a pine cone inside. Could you improve your design?

Explorer rule: use only small, loose materials. Avoid sharp or heavy branches, never enter the shelter, and leave the area as you found it.