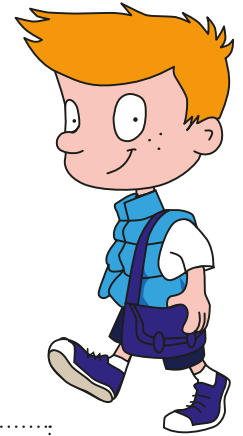


# WILD-LIFE ACTIVITY SHEET

## ARCHIE'S GUIDE TO BUILDING A BRILLIANT DEN

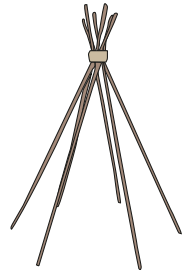
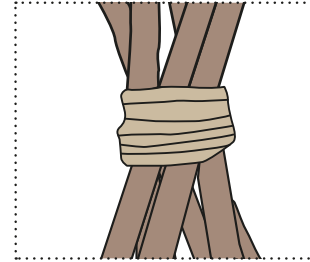
Stopping for a picnic is always fun. Next time you're out for a walk how about having your picnic in your very own den?



### What to take with you

Some garden string, or old tent ropes at least one metre long.

A lightweight tarp or groundsheet, old bed sheet or picnic blanket.



### What to do

- 1 Gather 6 to 8 strong sticks about the same length. The longer your sticks, the taller your den.
- 2 Use the string to tie the tops of the sticks together about 20-25cm from the top. It's best to wrap the string around the sticks, then wrap again in a different direction - try doing it in a figure of 8 in between some of the sticks with a knot in between each time.
- 3 Fan out the legs to make a tripod shape. Make sure that the distance between the sticks is about the same.
- 4 Hang your old sheet or picnic blanket onto one of the big sticks at the back and cover the outside. If you don't have a tarp or blanket with you, you can make the sides of your shelter with younger, bendier sticks. Just weave them in and out horizontally and build up the sides until it is completely covered.
- 5 Now climb inside and enjoy your picnic! Den-building is thirsty work, so don't forget to hydrate, and of course take any rubbish home with you afterwards for recycling.



## WILD-LIFE FACT

Deer find themselves a sheltered spot with a soft, grassy floor where they curl up and go to sleep. They are creatures of habit and often return night after night.