

# Design your Dream Fort!



## Lesson Overview

Students will Design and Build a fort out of natural items, such as sticks, moss, lichen, bark and more!

**Step One** – Inspiration and Invention

**Step Two** – Recruit a Crew

**Step Three** – Explore!

**Step Four** – Build!

**Step Five** – Share!

## Notes for Parents/Teachers

- This Lesson is based of David Sobel's Seven Principles for Early Childhood and Nature Education.
- **Reference:** Sobel, D. (2008). Childhood and nature: Design principles for educators. Stenhouse Publishers.

### Age Group:

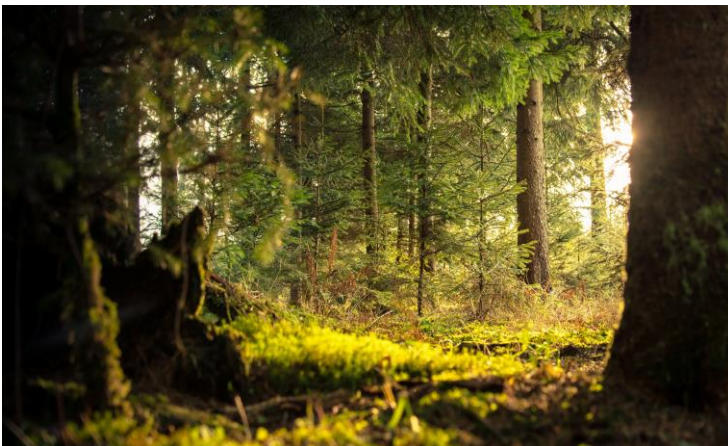
- 4 – 10 years old

### Total Time Needed:

- Approximately 1 Hour

### Materials Needed

- Notebook, Pencil, Colored Pencils or crayons



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## Step 1: Inspiration and Invention

- Check out these amazing forts built by Patrick Dougherty!  
<https://www.ecosia.org/images?q=Patrick+Dougherty%27s+Installation#id=5B9C07F1732B8868814E057155756761853C9F5A>
- Now Draw a Fort Design you would love to Build!

## Step 2: Recruit a Crew

- Fort building takes many hands!
- Recruit siblings, friends and family to help you build your dream fort!
- Tell them your design plan!

## Step 3: Explore!

- Go Outside!
- Find a perfect spot in your yard or park to build your fort!

## Step 4: Build!

- Now that you've found the perfect spot, you need to collect supplies!
- Look for sticks and branches to build your fort with. Curved branches are great! You will need sticks and branches of many different sizes!
- Things like mosses, lichen, bark and leaves or pine needles make great wall filler!
- Build Away! And remember input from others is greatly helpful while building a fort!

## Step 5: Share!

- Share your drawings of your fort design with family and friends
- Take a Photo or Video and share it with MOSS!



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