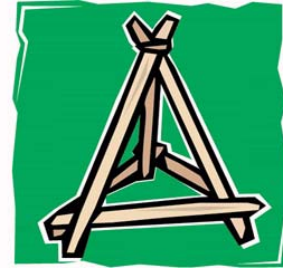




## Paddle Pop Art



**You can purchase a packet of paddle pop sticks from the dollar shops or craft store. Alternatively you can have fun eating your way to a collection! Whichever you choose, here are some simple and fun activities to do with younger children.**

**Please add to our Blog if you have any further craft ideas which use paddle pop sticks**

### Treasure Box

Equipment:

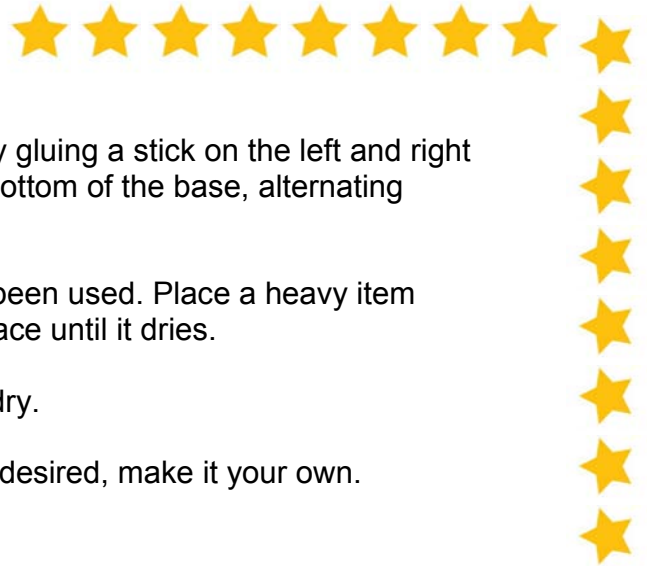
88 paddle pop sticks

PVA or craft glue

Decorative Items - beads, jewels, shells, paint, buttons etc

Method:

1. Line up 15 sticks vertically and then glue another 14 sticks on top horizontally and then leave to dry.
2. Repeat step 1 as you need one for the top and one for the base.



3. When both are dry, build up the walls by gluing a stick on the left and right sides of the base, then on the top and bottom of the base, alternating between the two.
4. Continue to do this until all sticks have been used. Place a heavy item such as a book on the box to set it in place until it dries.
5. Paint your box as desired and allow to dry.
6. Glue decorations on the lid and sides if desired, make it your own.
7. Fill with treasured possessions.

## Pencil Holder/ Desk Tidy

### Equipment:

Paddle pop sticks (number will depend on the size of your can)  
PVA or craft glue  
Clean and empty small can/jar (no taller than a paddle pop stick) lid removed  
Paint  
Rubber bands  
Items to decorate

### Method:

1. Glue the sticks one by one around the sides of the can. Do not leave any spaces between each stick. Ensure all sticks touch the ground evenly.
2. When finished secure sticks with rubber bands and leave to dry.
3. Remove rubber bands and paint.
4. Glue on decorative items.

## Photo Frame

### Equipment:

15 paddle pop sticks  
PVA or craft glue



A4 card - the thicker the better  
Masking tape  
Paint – colours of your choice  
Varnish - optional



Method:

1. Cut 3 sticks into quarters (to make 12 smaller sticks).
2. Line up 3 sticks side by and glue 2 of the cut sticks across them to provide support.
3. Repeat step 2 three more times. You now have the 4 sides of your frame.
4. Allow the glue at least 20 minutes to dry.
5. Join the corners together by gluing the remaining 4 cut sticks diagonally across the corners. You may need to use some tape to help.
6. Allow to dry then paint frame
7. After the paint has dried, cut the card to the same size as the frame.
8. Use tape to secure the card to the frame on 3 sides only (do not attach at the top).
9. You can now slide your favourite photo in through the top and it's ready for display
10. If you wish to hang your frame - attach string to the back.

