

CRAFT

Sukkah

Leviticus 23:42

This is an alternative craft to the Notebook Page to be used as an interactive and decorative piece to enhance your Sukkot experience. Parents can choose to do this with their children during the festival as a bonding experience.

Materials:

- Cardstock - white
- Dowels - 3/8" cut into (4) 8" long & (4) 5 1/4" long
- Skinny sticks - (33)
- Needle or sharp tool (to attach fruit & vegetable stickers to twine)
- Plastic greenery (to cover roof)
- Twine
- Hot glue or *Tacky* glue
- Scissors
- Coloring pencils, crayons or markers
- Optional: fruit & vegetable stickers (to hang as decorations)
- Optional: sandpaper (to smooth the dowels after they are cut)
- Optional: clamp (to hold dowels together while drying to strengthen bond)
- Craft Template: A (BW or color)

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Craft Template of choice on white cardstock.
- Gather and cut all the dowels and skinny sticks. (P1)
- Sand the ends of the dowels if desired. This may help in them adhering better to each other when adding glue.

Instructions for the Craft:

- If using BW Templates, color using medium of choice.
- Cut out all Template pieces. (P2)
- Lay aside for now.

Assembling the Left and Right Walls

- Arrange 2 of the 8" dowels and 2 of the 5 1/4" dowels on a table to make a rectangle. This will be one of the side walls. (P3)
- Note that one of the 5 1/4" dowels will not be glued at the end. It can be placed about 2" inside the rectangle at the open end. This is just a place holder for now.
- Apply *Tacky* glue to the ends of one of the 5 1/4" dowel and connect it to the ends of the 8" dowels. (P4)
- Hold firmly together or use clamps and allow to dry. (P5)
- At the open end of the rectangle, glue one skinny stick onto the top. (P5a, P5b)



P1



P2



P3



P4



P5a



P5b

Instructions for the Craft Cont'd:

- Place another skinny stick against the glued one to use as a spacer.
- Now glue another skinny stick onto the top next to the spacer.
- Continue this pattern of the skinny sticks spacer and glue sticks until you have added 8 glued sticks. Be careful not to glue the spacer. You can remove the $5 \frac{1}{4}$ " dowel at this point as it is not needed for a space holder. (P6a, P6b, P6c, P6d)
- Repeat these steps for the other wall.
- Allow both walls to dry. You can use clamps at this point to assist in the bonding process. (P7a, P7b)

Assembling the Roof

- Apply *Tacky* glue to the ends of 2 of the $5 \frac{1}{4}$ " dowels.
- Place the 2 dowels onto the ends of one of the side walls at the top away from the skinny sticks. (P8)
- Apply *Tacky* glue at the other end of the 2 $5 \frac{1}{4}$ " dowels. (P9a, P9b)
- Now take your other wall piece and place it over the glue at the top. (P10a, P10b)
- Allow to dry. (P10b)

Assembling the Back Wall

- Lay the front of the Sukkah face down. At this point it doesn't matter which side you choose to be the front or the back. (P11)
- Apply *Tacky* glue to the ends of a skinny stick and adhere to the back of the Sukkah at the bottom.
- Now as you did with the side walls, lay a skinny stick against the glued one to use as a spacer.
- Glue another skinny stick next to the spacer.
- Continue with this pattern until you have added 8 glued sticks taking care not to glue the spacer. (P12a, P12b)
- Allow the back wall to dry.



P6a



P6b



P6c



P6d



P7a



P7b



P8



P9a



P9b



P10a



P10b



P11



P12a



P12b

Instructions for the Craft Cont'd:

Adding Skinny Sticks to the Beams of the Sukkah

- Apply *Tacky* glue to a skinny stick and adhere the stick to the following areas:
 - back wall of the Sukkah over the top beam (P13a, P13b)
 - side walls of the Sukkah over the top beam (P14a, P14b, P14c)
 - front of the Sukkah over the top beam (P15)



P13a



P13b



P14a



P14b



P14c

Adding Skinny Sticks to the Roof of the Sukkah

- Evenly space and glue 4 skinny sticks across the top/roof of the Sukkah. (P16a, P16b)
- Lay Sukkah on its back and glue 1 more skinny stick onto the front of the Sukkah below the top beam. (P17)
- Leave the rest of the front open.
- Allow to dry.



P15



P16a



P16b

Decorating the Sukkah

- Using a puncturing tool or a needle, poke a hole through the 7 Species Sukkah decorations. (P18)
- Thread 4" colored string or twine through each hole. (P19)
- Tie the strings or twine to the roof beams of the Sukkah. (P20a P20b)
- Lay plastic greenery pieces over the roof. If desired, you can glue the greenery to the roof to keep them from falling off. (P21a, P21b)



P17



P18



P19



P20a



P20b



P21a



P21b

You now have a visual representation of a Sukkah which the children of Yisra'el were commanded to dwell in during the festival.