

CRAFT STICK BRACELET

Turn a Plain-Jane craft stick into a cool piece of jewelry!

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- · Large craft sticks
- Bowl
- Hot water
- Mug or glass
- · Awl
- String or twine
- Craft materials like washi tape, paint, or embroidery thread



INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Start by softening the craft sticks so they are pliable enough to bend. To do this, boil some water with the help of an adult. Place the sticks in a bowl and cover with the boiling water. Let them sit up to 3 hours, or until the water has cooled.
- 2. See if the craft sticks are pliable, or bendable. Carefully remove one from the water and see if you can gently start to form it into a C-shape. If you can, the sticks are ready. If not, place back in the water for an additional hour.
- 3. Once the sticks are pliable, form them into the C-shape from Step 2. Then, continue forming it into a bracelet shape by placing it inside a mug or glass. The mug or glass will act as a mold for the bracelet. Once you have mastered this technique, see if you can come up with other cool ways to form these sticks.
- 4. Let the craft stick dry out inside the mug or glass for at least 12 hours.
- 5. Remove the craft stick, which is now a bracelet! Decorate using materials like washi tape or paint. You can even wrap the bracelet with embroidery thread!
- 6. You can wear the bracelet as a simple cuff, or have an adult help you make small holes on the ends using an awl. Thread some string or twine through the holes to tie the bracelet on. Make some for your friends and show off your DIY skills!

