

CRAFT BOX

WOODEN REINDEER

This activity is for Explorers but any section or leaders could take part too !

Explorer Wooden Reindeer

What you need:

- Wood Glue
- Wooden Dowel 8mm x 4cm
- Marker Pen and Red Pom Poms
- Wood Saw and Drill with an 8mm Drill Bit
- Small Log, Branches and Twigs (a variety of sizes)



How to make it:

These wooden reindeer make a great decoration for inside the house or outside in the garden.

1. Cut the log for the body and the head to the size that you want and then choose the branch to cut down to make the neck and tail, thinking about the scale in relation to the other body parts.
2. Select four branches to cut to the same length to make the legs and then remove any small twigs from all the parts.
3. Drill four holes into the bottom of the body for the legs – these holes should be half the length of the dowels.
4. Drill a hole in the top end of each leg, again half the length of the dowels.
5. Fill all the holes with wood glue and insert a dowel into the hole in each leg and connect them to the body, pushing hard and then setting aside to dry with the legs up in the air!
6. Drill a hole in the neck and the bottom of the head, then join together using glue and dowel in the same way and then allow to dry. Drill two holes into the top of the head for inserting the “antler” twigs later.
7. Stand your reindeer up and drill a hole into the top of the body and also the bottom of the neck, then join together using glue and dowel in the same way and then allow to dry. Make a tail in the same way, add and allow to dry.
8. Using glue add the twigs selected for the antlers and add a pom pom for Rudolph’s nose.

Get more Crafty:

Why not design some ears for your reindeer and glue them to the back of the head or even decorate the antlers !

Safety Notes:

Tools: Supervise young people appropriately when using tools.

Store all sharp objects securely, out of the reach of young people.

Glue and Solvents: Supervise young people appropriately when they’re using glue and solvent products. Make sure there’s plenty of ventilation. Be aware of any medical conditions which could be affected by glue or solvent use and make adjustments as needed.

Gardening and Nature: Wash your hands after the activity has finished and wear gloves if needed.

