

Build a Mini Campfire

Who says you need real flames to enjoy a campfire? With just a few simple craft supplies, children can build their own mini campfire – perfect for pretend play, storytelling, or indoor camping adventures. This creative STEM craft introduces basic construction skills while sparking imagination and dramatic play!

What you need:

- Craft sticks or popsicle sticks (6–10 per campfire) or rolled up paper bags (3-5 per campfire)
- Red, orange, and yellow tissue paper (cut into flame shapes or small squares)
- A sturdy cardboard base (cut into a circle or square, about 6–8 inches wide)
- Glue or glue sticks and coloured pencils/markers to decorate the firepit
- Optional: small stones or pebbles for a realistic “fire ring”
- Optional: cotton balls (for “smoke”) or mini pretend marshmallows on toothpicks

What to do:

1. Prepare the base by giving everyone a piece of cardboard to serve as the base of their mini campfire. They can decorate it to look like dirty grass or even a fire pit.
2. Build the Firewood Structure - Help the children glue or crisscross craft sticks in the center of the base to resemble a log pile (like a teepee or campfire structure). Use 3–4 sticks at a time, layering as desired. (You can roll up paper bags and make the same formation)
3. Crumple or twist small pieces of red, orange, and yellow tissue paper and glue them inside the stick structure to look like a flickering fire. Encourage them to layer the colours for a glowing effect.

Optional fire ring – if using small stones or pebbles, help kids glue them around the outside edge of the campfire to represent a safe fire ring.

Optional extra details - glue bits of cotton ball in and among the tissue paper for “smoke,” or add mini marshmallows on toothpicks for pretend roasting fun!



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