

Tremendous den building
Be a real Nature Detective and make your own woodland den.

Delightful woodland dens

Get building!

1
Find a good foundation

This will form the base of your framework, so keep your eyes peeled for a strong tree with suitable nooks, crannies and knobby bits.



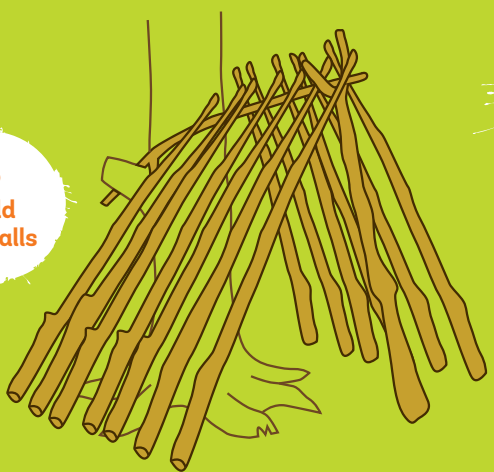
2
Build your framework

Find a couple of large branches and wedge them firmly together against the tree. If your chosen tree has a strong, low branch, even better! You can use this instead.



3
Build the walls

Collect more branches and rest them against your framework. Make sure you pack them closely together so that they're strong and secure.



4
Protect your den from the elements

Use smaller branches, twigs and leaves to cover your den. Remember to push them into any gaps so that your den shelters you from wind and rain.



Please don't cut anything down or damage anything while building your den.

Now you've got the basics, get experimenting!

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Make your den super special
Now you've built a den, experiment!

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Follow our tips and decorate your den

Cover the outside with fallen leaves and flowers.

Write a message with sticks; it could say 'welcome' or 'KEEP OUT!'

Make a broom and sweep out the inside.

Design a den garden. Use twigs to build a fence, place pine cones in neat rows and make beds of fallen leaves.

Make seats from small logs.



Can you think of any other ways to decorate your den?

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Watch out and take care

Follow our tips to stay safe when you're building your den.

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Always use your common sense

Make sure branches are secure so they don't slip and bump people.

Den building is brilliant fun, but be careful when moving branches and look out for other people.



Be especially careful with large, heavy branches and drag them into place rather than carrying them.

Don't use bracken – it can be home to ticks, which can make you poorly.

Remember to dismantle your den when you've finished!

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