



CENTENNIAL PARKLANDS NATURE PLAY

Make a cubby house

Construct your own shelter using natural materials!

What you need:

Three Y-sticks, smaller sticks, leaves, grass, anything on the ground

Let's get building!

1. Lock two Y-sticks together. Y-sticks are sticks that have a fork at one end and look like the letter Y!
2. Interlock the third longer Y-stick (the spine) into the two Y-sticks from step one to make a frame. You can also use a long straight stick for the spine instead of a Y-stick
3. Enclose the frame with other sticks (ribs) leaning from the spine to the ground making sure you leave an opening to the shelter
4. Weave in or lay over natural materials to enclose the sides like grass, leaves, branches, pinecones, etc.
5. Play in and around your cubby – this is best part!

Watch this
video to learn
how to build a
cubby!

Safety first!

- Check that your frame is sturdy, so it does not collapse while building or playing in
- If you have built your shelter in a public place, always deconstruct it before you leave
- Always get your natural shelter materials from the ground, never from a living plant



You can build a
cubby inside
too! Use
blankets,
pillows, sheets,
etc.

