

MAKE A PLAY CAMPFIRE

AGES 3 AND UP

**ARTS
FUN**
FROM ART TO HEART

DIRECTIONS

Stuff brown paper lunch bags with plastic grocery bags to form log shapes. Make big, medium and small logs. Tape or glue the edges and color the logs with gray, red, orange and brown lines.

Cover a piece of cardboard or foam board with brown paper. Arrange three tall thin logs into a triangular shape. Glue or staple the logs to the board. Add red or orange flames cut from construction paper.

Cut paper bags into hand-sized ovals. Color the ovals gray to make stones. Arrange the stones around the campfire.

Cut brown paper into pieces about 2 by 1 foot to resemble big logs for sitting around the campfire. Draw brown lines through the logs.

Add other details that you and your children think of.



MATERIALS

- brown paper lunch bags
- plastic grocery bags
- tape or glue
- markers or crayons
- orange or red construction paper
- brown construction paper or Kraft paper
- large piece of cardboard or foam board

WAYS TO USE THE CAMPFIRE

- Sit around the campfire and sing songs or tell stories.
- “Go camping” in your home. Make a tent from blankets. Pretend to cook over the pretend fire. Draw pictures of your camping experience.
- Read books or stories about explorers or historical figures who would have used campfires. For example, you might find a story about the Lewis and Clark expedition and discuss the way they survived along the way.
- Dancing around a fire is part of cultures around the world. Create a dance around the campfire using homemade drums, chanting, and movement. With older children, encourage children to select a theme first and then create movement interpretive to the theme. Encourage children to pick themes relevant to their lives. For example, a child may create “the first day of school dance.”