

# Stone Age to Bronze Age

## Make your own Stone Age shelter using what you have at home

You will need

- Strong sticks approx. 4-6, the same length at least 15 cm long but 20cm is better (you can use pencils)
- Leather ties (cut up a chamois leather or use wool).
- Animal skin covering (chamois is ideal but a plastic bag cut up or stiff fabric are both fine).
- You can also gather 4-6 bendy twigs from a bush or tree or use pipe cleaners .



Using the ties, use knots to tie the sticks into different shelter shapes.

You want to use just enough to make a strong shelter with a lot of clear space to live in. Too many sticks take a lot of tying and in real life mean a lot of wood cutting before you can get building your shelter. This could make you very tired and even mean you don't have somewhere to sleep at night if the cutting takes too long.

Below are three different ways to tie or bend your twigs.





Use your leather or plastic bag or material to cover the frames.

As a stone age person you would have had to carry these with you. They would have been heavy so perhaps you wore them like a cape in bad weather to keep the rain or snow off.

Covers can be wrapped or laid or tied to the frames. See what works best for every design.



During the Old Stone Age people followed herds of animals and would move on every time the animals moved on.

You couldn't stay in one place if you wanted to survive.

Sometimes the group would find a large and dry cave, which no dangerous animal was living in. If that happened they would move in and have a welcome fire inside their living area.

This kept them both warm and safe.

To tell people it was their cave and perhaps to protect the cave or the animals they hunted people would put their hand prints and pictures of the animals onto the walls using pigments which are colours made from soft mud or stones or plants.

Use paints to decorate a sheet of paper with your hand print flick paint round your hand to leave a clear outline.

