

Garden Den Building

You need

For structure: All good dens need a sturdy frame.

- Chairs and tables are quick way of building a strong structure.
- Poles like broom or mop handles can be useful.
- Football goal posts or a washing line!
- Fallen or cut down branches. If they are thin ones, try tying them together with string to make them stronger.

For shelter: For the outside and making your den look cool, or for keeping out the rain, if the den is outside.

- Any old blankets or sheets that you're allowed to get muddy!
- If you want your den to stay in the garden, you may need to use waterproof material, such as plastic dust sheets or tarpaulin.
- You can camouflage your den! Leaves are also good for this, but you'll need lots if you don't want it to leak.

What to do

1. Ask your grown up to help you find some blankets, sheets or large bits of cardboard.
2. Take this into the garden and drape over something that will make a good hiding place such as the washing line or football goals. You may need your grown up to help you.
3. What can you use to make your den cosy? Bring your favourite teddy, a good book or maybe you could have a picnic inside your den.
4. If its too cold or wet outside – try building your den inside! A dining table or the back of a sofa and some dinning chairs also work well.



Things not to build with

- Glass as it can break into dangerously sharp bits.
- Big bits of wood, or anything else big and heavy.
- Don't cut bits off living trees.

Don't forget to wash your hands after being in the garden.