

CRAFTY TUESDAYS



CAMPFIRE CD

Submitted by Guider Elizabeth Keats, for the 112th Brampton Sparks Unit. This craft can count towards the girls programming! Here's a list of programming that girls can complete by making this craft: Sparks 'Going Camping', and Brownies 'Be Aware Interest Badge'.

MATERIALS:

- Old CDs
- Sticks
- Rocks – about the size of a quarter
- A handful of soil, dirt or sand
- White craft glue (not hot glue as rocks can easily pop off)
- Toothpick
- Small scraps of red, orange and yellow tissue paper (or crepe paper streamers, or construction paper)



INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1.** Cover CD with glue and use a paintbrush or your finger to spread the glue out for an even coat.
- 2.** Cover glue area with dirt or sand and tap off excess. Use your finger to push back a little of the dirt from the edges, all the way around the CD, to make room for the rocks.
- 3.** Squeeze out a generous amount of white glue onto the cleared edge of the CD. Press a rock into the glue. Repeat until entire rim of the CD is covered in rocks.
- 4.** If necessary, break sticks into approximately 4 inch pieces. Using white craft glue, build a "fire" with the sticks by laying them down in a teepee formation, gluing as you go. Let everything dry for 2 hours (will not be completely dry, but won't slide around).
- 5.** Tear tissue paper into small pieces, approximately 1" or 2" squares. Place tip of toothpick into the center (don't poke through) of a piece of red tissue paper. Wrap the tissue paper around the toothpick.
- 6.** Dab some glue on the tip and dip it into the sticks, removing the toothpick once inserted. Repeat around the top of the sticks with several red pieces and then add a few orange toward the middle, and lastly one or two yellow pieces at the top of the stick mound. Let project dry completely overnight.

ENHANCE THE LEARNING:

As the girls add each piece to the craft, talk about the role that element plays in the lighting of a fire. For example, ask them why we would put the rocks around the outside – for safety and to contain the fire.

TIP: To find sticks, especially in the spring, go to the base of large trees. Dead branches will break off from the weight of the winter snow and from wind leaving several on the ground for you to collect!