

How to Make Toothpick Sculptures

Materials Needed

To conduct the activity, you will need a variety of non-edible and edible materials. Here's a list of materials you can gather:

Non-edible materials:

- Toothpicks
- Modeling clay
- Model magic
- Play dough

Edible materials:

- Miniature marshmallows
- Gumdrops
- Grapes
- Soft nuts (if there are no allergies)
- Apple cubes
- Small pretzel sticks
- Cheese cubes
- Thick frosting dyed in different colors
- Royal icing

Instructions

1. **Set the Theme:** Begin by providing the youth with a general theme or encourage them to create a structure related to the overall meeting theme. Alternatively, you can allow them to construct a generic structure if there is no specific theme.
2. **Allocate Time:** Give the participants a set amount of time, such as 10 minutes, to work on their constructions. Ensure that the time provided is reasonable for them to complete their projects within the session.
3. **Construction Phase:** Let the youth use their imaginations and creativity to build their toothpick sculptures or models. Encourage teamwork and collaboration if the activity is done in small groups. Remind them to consider the stability and design aspects of their structures.
4. **Showcase and Describe:** At the end of the allotted time, gather the participants together and provide each group or individual with an opportunity to showcase their sculptures. Encourage them to describe the concept, significance, or symbolism behind their creations. This will allow them to share their thoughts and engage in meaningful conversations.
5. **Enjoy the Edible Materials:** If appropriate and safe, participants can consume the leftover edible construction materials. However, ensure that the toothpicks are discarded, as they are not edible.

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