

Stone Age Design Technology Activity

Make a Stone Age Shelter

To use research and develop design criteria for functional products that are fit for purpose and aimed at a particular audience.

To design and make a Stone Age shelter.

Thousands of years ago, during the Stone Age, humans lived in caves and jungles. During this period, there were two main things that people needed to do – to find and make shelter and to gather food. Hunter-gatherers, as they are sometimes referred to, often sheltered in caves but when there were no caves to live in, they would have to make their own shelters. They would need to be waterproof and windproof and they would use leaves, branches and animal skins. Become a hunter-gatherer and design and make your own Stone Age shelter.

You will need:

- Strong card
- Sticks
- Leaves
- String
- Scissors
- Other natural materials



What to do:

1. Research what Stone Age houses were made of and what they looked like.
2. Choose the materials you want to use and draw your design on the design sheet. Use the shelter template if you like.
3. Think carefully about how to make your shelter waterproof and warm. What materials/items will you use?
4. How will you construct your design? It will need to be stable and withstand strong winds. Stone Age people would have used plant fibres or sinew from animal carcasses to join materials, but you can use string.