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## Makers Play: Chickees

Chickee is the word Seminoles use for "house". Seminoles living in North Florida are known to have constructed chickee homes using palm fronds over a cypress log frame. They adopted this chickee style of architecture during the Second and Third Seminole Wars as they moved deeper into the Everglades because of the easy access to materials. You can see chickees used today throughout South Florida, including the Native American villages of the Miccosukee in the Everglades. Try to make your own miniature version with us!

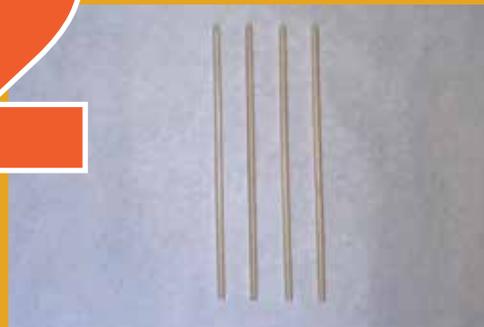
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### Gather materials:

- Brown Construction Paper
- Wooden Dowels / Popsicle Sticks
- Flat Cardboard Piece
- Hot Glue
- Scissors

# 2



Use 4-6 wooden dowels of the same size to be the posts of your chickee frame.

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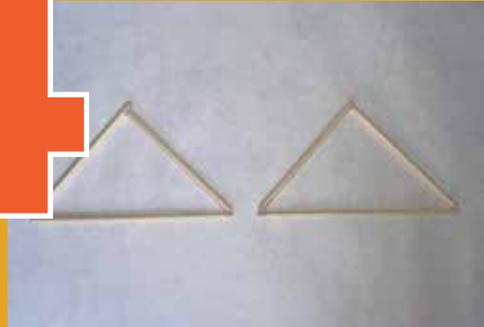


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Use hot glue to connect each post with 4 more dowels about 1 inch from the "floor" to create the rectangular frame of your chickee.

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Using another 6 dowels, create two separate triangles. The base of the triangle will be the same length as the width of your rectangular frame to attach later.

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Connect the triangles at the tips with wooden dowels equal to the length of the chickee.

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Glue this whole structure to the top of your rectangular frame. This is the frame of your chickee, which in real life would have been made with cypress logs.

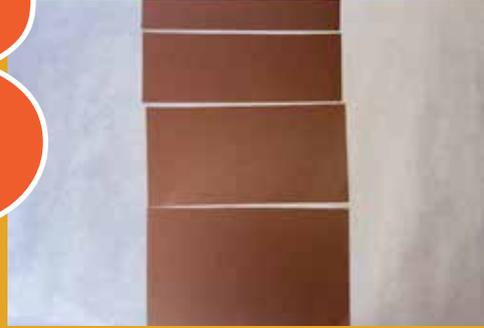


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Measure a rectangular piece of cardboard that will fit inside your chickee to glue on top of the frame base. This will be your platform floor.

# 8



Cut two sets (for each side of the roof) of 4 strips of construction paper with each strip slightly thinner than the last. The largest strip should be able to cover the whole chickee roof.

# 9



Layer these strips and cut into the bottom to make a fringe effect like palm fronds.



10



Starting with the largest, glue each fringed strip to the chickee roof to create the layers of fronds.

11



Repeat on the other side of the roof and enjoy your finished chickee!