

# Outdoor Art – Sticks, Sticks And More Sticks!



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## Not a Stick by Antoinette Portis

This is a great book to share and get imaginations flowing! Grab your own stick and think what it could be, you can be as creative as you like! You could draw a picture in the style of the illustrations in the book. Draw yourself and your own stick, but remember it's not being a stick!



## Weaving

You only need two sticks and some wool in a variety of colours for this activity. Place the sticks in a cross shape and secure together with thread. Wrap the wool once around a stick and then move onto the next stick and wrap the wool around once again. Continue this pattern moving round the sticks one at a time. When you finish one length of wool tie another colour on and continue wrapping!

## Clay Hedgehogs

Mould a ball of air drying clay into a hedgehog shape. Using a mark making tool add a nose and you could add marks to represent little spikes. Add larger spikes by pushing twigs into its back. Finish by adding two googly eyes! If you don't have clay why not have a go at making your own with mud and water!



## Stick Paintbrushes

Use sticks as painting tools! Dip the ends into paint and have a go at the pointillism style of painting using dots. Or attach bits and bobs to the ends of your sticks to create paintbrushes. Experiment with the marks they make. You could try grass, leaves, flowers – use your imagination and have fun exploring with nature's paintbrushes!



## Stick Painting and Printing

Stick painting is messy and lots of fun! Choose your colours, choose your pattern and get creating! Painted sticks make the perfect magic wands!

Once you've painted a stick you could have a go at using it to print. Print using the side of the stick or use the ends. What different patterns can you make?



## Chris Kenny – Twig Art

London born artist Chris Kenny makes amazing artwork using only twigs! Look on his website for inspiration!

