

BUILD AN EDIBLE RAFT

Inspire your section to understand the basics of raft-making through this task with a tasty treat at the end

SUITABLE FOR **BEAVERS** AND **CUBS**

1 Take four breadsticks and make a square with them, resting two on top of the others. Make sure there is enough overlap at the ends so they can be tied together.

2 Use Strawberry Laces to lash the ends of the breadsticks.

3 Fill the washing up bowl with water and get the Cubs to come up with their individual rafts. Invite them to talk about the techniques

they used to lash the ends together. Ask them whether they think the raft will float and if it will stay together.

4 Take a mini Milky Way bar or a similar treat and place it on top of the raft in the water in the washing up bowl. If the Milky Way stays on the raft and the raft stays afloat then the Cubs can eat them.

If not they can be dried off and placed back for the group to make another attempt at building a raft.

TIME NEEDED

15-20 minutes (initially)

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- Breadsticks
- Strawberry Laces
- Washing up bowl
- Mini Milky Way bars or similar

THIS ACTIVITY LINKS WITH THE FOLLOWING BADGES



Nautical Skills



Pioneer



Camp Craft

OUTCOMES

The raft-makers will understand a little about the complexity of tying two sticks together and the concept of lashing. Please note: If the 'raft' has been touched by a few people, you may want to give your troop 'spares'.

OTHER SECTIONS FOR SCOUTS

Try increasing the complexity and the size of the raft you are asking your group to build, using more breadsticks to create a solid base. You can then ask your Group to add a paper sail lashed to a vertical breadstick to their raft and challenge them to sail it across a paddling pool using a fan. See which team can create the fastest raft. The size of the treat can be increased with the vessel!

