

Station “Shrines”



Make these shrines and put your Stations of the Cross pictures in them.

Materials:

- White glue
- Popsicle sticks
- Plasticine or play dough
- A selection of pictures
- Craft paint, markers, beads, medals and other decorative things (optional)

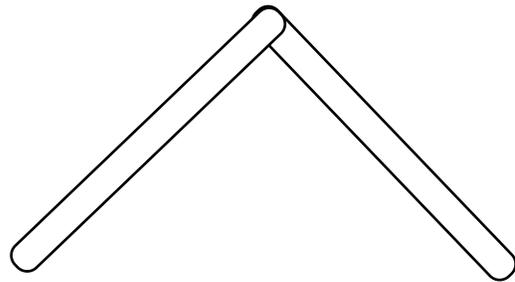
Directions:

Working on a flat surface, lay two popsicle sticks at an angle to each other, with the tips just touching. These are the beginning pieces of the roof.

Arrange them so that the roof slope is neither too wide or too steep to fit your holy card.

Test this by laying another popsicle stick in place as a side wall. Check that your shrine will be tall enough fit the picture.

When you are satisfied with the arrangement, glue the two roof pieces together.



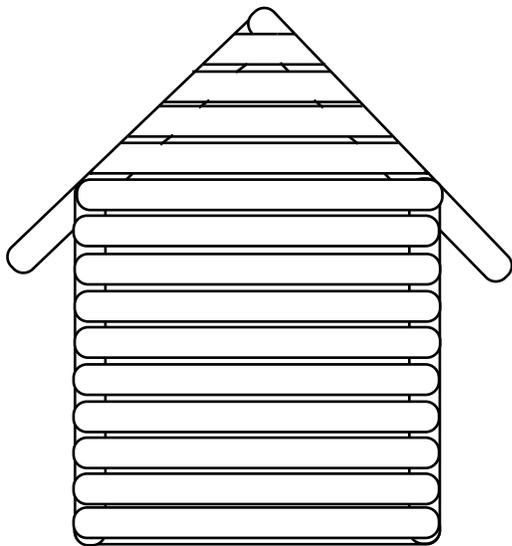
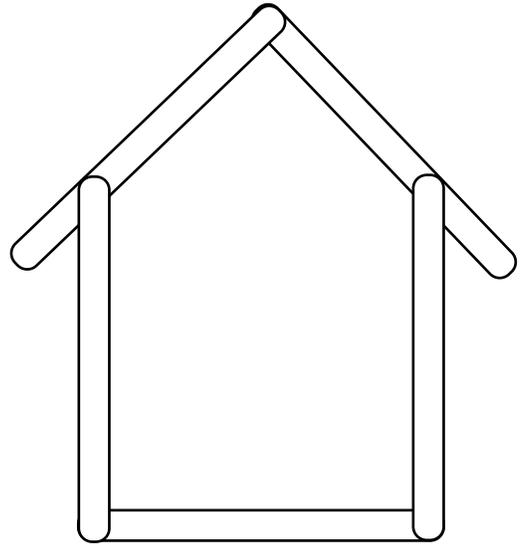
Allow the glue to dry. Brace it with pieces of plasticine if necessary, to keep the roof pieces at the correct angle. You can also use a clothespin as a clamp to hold the pieces while the glue dries.

Next, glue two side wall pieces onto the roof pieces, laying and gluing a floor piece under the two side wall pieces at the same time, as shown in the illustration. Allow the glue to dry.

Make another layer of two roof pieces, two side wall pieces and a floor piece.

This time glue all five pieces at the same time. Allow the glue to dry.

Repeat this layering another three or four times, depending on how deep you want your shrine or station to be.



When the shrine is deep enough, glue on a back wall, with popsicle sticks laid horizontally across the back

You will have to trim the pieces in the peak of the roof.

(Children above the age of eight can safely use a small hack saw, or an adult can cut them with a sharp kitchen knife.

Turn the shrine over, front face up.

Using four small segments of popsicle sticks, add another two layers of floor, so that the floor extends a bit to the front.

Glue your picture, holy card or station into the shrine and set it aside to dry. The following pages have smaller pictures that will fit into a popsicle stick shrine.