

6 Shelter & Household Projects

Practical, natural-material builds for outdoor living and household use.



1 Reed Thatch Panel

Tie bundles of reeds or cattails onto crosspieces to make a thatch panel.

Found Materials:
Reeds, cattails, saplings, cordage.

Use:
For shade, windbreaks, or shelter roofing.



2 Sapling Drying Rack

Lash saplings into a rectangular rack with rails.

Found Materials:
Straight saplings, cordage.

Use:
For drying herbs, fish, clothing, or produce.



3 Driftwood Coat Rack

Mount driftwood or a branch with natural pegs.

Found Materials:
Driftwood or branch, twig pegs.

Use:
For hanging coats, hats, or bags.



4 Branch Broom

Bind a bundle of flexible twigs into a sweeping broom.

Found Materials:
Birch or broomcorn twigs, cordage.

Use:
For sweeping porches, paths, or camp areas.



5 Bark Kindling Carrier

Fold bark into a lightweight carrier for tinder and kindling.

Found Materials:
Birch bark or large bark sheets, root ties.

Use:
For carrying dry tinder, bark, or kindling.



6 Log Stump Stool

Flatten and stabilize a stump or log round into a rustic seat.

Found Materials:
Log round or stump.

Use:
For seating at camp, in the garden, or by the fire.