

6 Simple Homestead Helper Crafts

Useful natural-material projects children can help make for everyday home, porch, and outdoor use.



1 Split-Stick Cup Drying Tree

A small upright rack with pegs for drying cups or mugs.

Found Materials:
straight twigs, small branches, cord.

Use:
drying cups after washing.



2 Gourd Salt Spoon

A little scoop spoon made from a dried gourd or gourd neck.

Found Materials:
dried gourd, small handle stick.

Use:
scooping salt or small dry goods.



3 Pebble Ferment Weight Set

Smooth clean pebbles wrapped or fitted for weighing vegetables below brine.

Found Materials:
smooth pebbles, cloth or leaves, cord.

Use:
holding vegetables under brine in a jar or crock.



4 Twig Ladle Rest

A crossed-stick rest for setting down a spoon or ladle.

Found Materials:
twigs, cord, flat bark.

Use:
keeping utensils off the table.



5 Reed Bread Basket Liner Mat

A small woven mat for lining a bowl or basket.

Found Materials:
reeds, cattail leaves, grass ties.

Use:
lining a bread or produce bowl.



6 Bark Picnic Napkin Sleeve

A simple bark wrap or holder for napkins or cloth squares.

Found Materials:
bark sheet, root ties or string.

Use:
carrying and organizing picnic napkins.