



GET
ADVENTUROUS



20 MINUTES



PREPARATION
NEEDED

MY SURVIVAL SHELTER



GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

Challenge the group to build the best survival shelter using items found around the home.

Beforehand, communicate to parents/carers what you are planning to do. This activity would benefit from parents/carers helping their child and it would also be ideal to have a supply of blankets, cushions, chairs etc ready to use.

Explain to the group that an emergency situation (lost in the woods, hurricane etc) is about to happen. To survive, they'll need to build a survival shelter at home, using only the things they can find around them. They can use their parents/carers to help. Give the group 5-10 minutes to build. When building, they'll need to think about making sure the shelter is strong, comfortable and also that it's practical (it helps them to survive). There's no right or wrong way to build the shelter, it's all about using imagination and creativity skills.

After the time limit, give each child an opportunity to show the rest of the group their shelter and explain how it has been built, any design features and how it will help them to survive. An award could be given for the best shelter.



WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Chairs
- Blankets
- Cushions
- Household Objects



KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

This activity should have parent/carer supervision at home. Leaders should also keep an eye on the builds to ensure they are safe and suitable.