

Bank - A-Frame House

If you are planning on the boys saving some money for a project (such as hurricane relief, etc.), building a bank and saving money is a fun project and will keep them saving.

Materials needed:

1. One 6" x 4 1/4" AC plywood (1/4") for base.
2. 12" of 1 x 6 pine/spruce for A-frame end pieces.
3. 2" x 2 1/2" AC plywood (1/4") for door.
4. 30 craft (popsicle) sticks for roof. 15 per side.
5. White glue, #212 eye screw to attach door (used to remove coins later, see photos).

Before the Meeting

1. Cut parts. Drill hole in doors for #212 eye screw.
2. Optional: For younger boys, it is useful to glue the end triangles onto the base.
3. Go through the box of craft sticks and discard the sticks that are too crooked to use.

Assembly at the Meeting

1. Glue triangular ends onto base. (be careful that the ends are not spaced too far apart such that the craft sticks do not overlap the end pieces.)
2. Give each boy 30 craft sticks.
3. Glue craft sticks on each side. Cut a notch in the top-most sticks (if needed) to make a coin drop-slot.
4. Attach the door using the #212 eye screw. They will probably need a pair pliers to tighten it sufficiently to hold the door closed.
5. Optional: Glue a label on the side of the building with the project information. Ex.:

**Disaster Relief
Hurricane Ike
Galveston, TX, 2008**



A-Frame bank with door closed.



A-Frame bank with door removed so money can be removed.

Each boy can take their project home. Be sure they wrote their name on the bottom side (in case they leave their bank on the sidewalk outside!).

You can have the boys bring back their banks in month and recognize the club that raised the most money!

Note: If desired, for younger boys, you can use 16 'jumbo' craft sticks (8 per side) instead of the regular, smaller craft sticks.

