

## Pencil Holder - Craft Sticks

This pencil holder is easy to make, but takes the boys some time to do. It would make a good Father's Day project.

### Materials needed:

1. 16 craft sticks (= Popsicle® sticks), available in boxes of 1000 at local craft stores such as Hobby Lobby or Michaels.
2. 1 ½" (I.D.) thick wall (schedule 80) PVC pipe. Check to see if it is 1 7/8" O.D., then 16 craft sticks will fit around it. If in doubt, take about 20 craft sticks with you (and a rubber band), people will think you are nuts at the hardware store, but you will find the pipe that uses an even number of sticks to coat the surface (so the joke is on them).
3. 3" x 3" - 1" pine/spruce for the base.
4. White glue, rubber bands to hold sticks until dry, (optional: memory verse sticker, etc.)

### Before the meeting:

1. Cut PVC pipe to 4 ¼". Remove burrs with a knife.
2. Cut 3" x 3" base.

### Assembly at the meeting:

1. Glue PVC pipe to base with white glue. Let dry for about 15 mins. They can use this time to color their 16 craft sticks (2. below).

Note: It is often a good idea to do gluing at the start of the meeting, to let it dry a bit before the next phase of assembly is done, at the end of the meeting.

2. Color each of the 16 craft sticks with Magic® markers or crayons (one side only).
3. Use white glue to attach each of the craft sticks around the PVC pipe.
4. Secure the craft sticks with a rubber band until they dry (next day).
5. (optional) Glue a sticker on the front (available from craft stores).

Option: if this is for Father's Day, have the boys put a Dymo® label on the front of the base labeled:

**"Father's Day date" (cf. Father's Day 2010)**

