

Craft Stick Apple Frames

YOU'LL NEED: 9 CRAFT STICKS, PACKING OR SCOTCH TAPE, CONSTRUCTION PAPER, MARKERS OR PAINT



1. LAY OUT STICKS

- Start by laying out two big pieces of wide tape-like packaging tape- sticky side up. Lay them **HORIZONTALLY**, and make sure they line up with each other. If you don't have wide tape, you'll just need to make more rows of regular tape.
- Starting at one side, press craft sticks into the tape **VERTICALLY**, so they look like they're standing up side to side. Make sure to press them close together! Repeat this with 7 or 8 sticks, depending how wide you want your apple to be.
- To keep your apple from being floppy, have a grownup help you break a craft stick in half. Tape the halves **HORIZONTALLY** across your stick rectangle. Now try picking it up- how is it different?



3. DECORATE

-Next, **PAINT** your apple! You can paint a solid color, a pattern, or make it look like your apple has been eaten, by painting just the top and bottom. If you add seeds to the inside, it looks like an apple core! Use construction paper to cut a stem or leaves, and tape them to the back of your apple.

-To make your apple into a frame, tape a picture of yourself, a friend, or a pet to the inside. Maybe you want to use your newest school picture! You could add a magnet or a loop to the back of your apple to display the frame.

