

## Make Your Own Fort

One of my favorite things to do when I was a kid just about your age was to make my own fort and go camping in it. It was my own private place I could go and read books or write in my diary ( which may be a fun thing to keep during this time.) I also brought my stuffed animals in there. It was just a nice quiet place I created where I could use my imagination and be in my own world.

In your fort, you can use your imagination to take you anywhere and create your own world. **Here is what you need to make your fort:**

- 2- 4 chairs or a small table
- Blankets and Sheets
- Pillows
- Stuffed Animals or anything other special belonging that will bring you comfort
- Other materials depending on what you plan to do: examples could be: pens, markers, paper, a diary, a book, maybe a snack, a sleeping bag, other toys or materials you have at home.

Start by building a fort frame with the chairs or small table. Space the chairs to the desired size and shape you want your fort. For example, you could take four chairs and make a square shaped fort or three chairs to make triangular fort. Maybe you use a small folding table for a rectangular fort. Use a sheet as your base and place the chairs or table on top of the sheet according to the design you want. Alternatively, if you have a rug you can build your fort on that ( see my picture). Then drape blankets over the backing to the chairs to close it in. Throw in a few pillows, blankets, and your favorite stuffed animals or two. Bring in anything else you want.

Now it's time to use your imagination. What are you going to do in this fort? Is this fort just a quiet place to close off outsiders so you can read or write in your diary privately? Are you camping in the woods? If so, what are you going to do while camping? Toast marshmallows? Tell stories around a fire? A pretend fire of course. Or is this an enchanted fort that leads you to a new world? Maybe you're in a different country, or a different time period. What happens here? Maybe you're on a deserted island. What does this look like? How do you find food? Come up with your own ideas and create anything you want.

I would love to hear about what you did on your camping trip. Take pics and send them to me:(Annmarie's Bedp email)