

Supermodels of State forests



Ms Western Region

Real name: *Callitris glauca*, also known as white cypress.

The name 'callitris' is derived from the Greek 'calli' (meaning beautiful).

Lives: Pilliga East State Forest near Narrabri. "I have relatives across inland NSW and a few friends in other states. We like living in the outback."

Height: "10 metres and still growing, my parents are about 18 metres tall."

Girth: "A narrow 30 centimetres."

Describe yourself: "I'm a bit of a hero because I smell. Don't get the wrong idea, being smelly is good. You see, my timber smells a bit like a surfboard which termites hate. People hate termites because they chew up the timber in their houses. I am a termite terrifier!"

What do you hope to be when you grow up: "Good things take time, so in about 80 years I hope to be harvested to make gorgeous floor boards or house frame. We cypress take a long while to grow up."

Favourite time of the year: "Winter time when I flower and reproduction begins. This will sound super weird, but I have male and female parts on my tree, so reproduction is a breeze."

Did you know?

White cypress trees produce their seeds in cones.

Did you know?

Koalas like to rest in white cypress and have been known to feed on the foliage.



Make your own little wooden house

You will need:

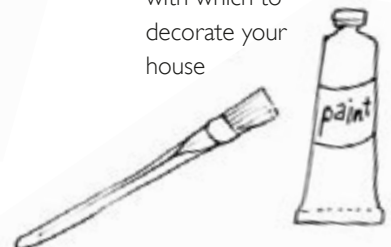


Paddle pop sticks

A glue gun (with adult help) or craft glue

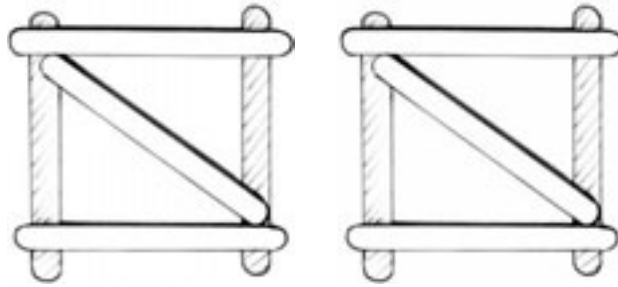


Paint and things with which to decorate your house



To make your house:

- 1** Make two sets of wall frames as shown here:



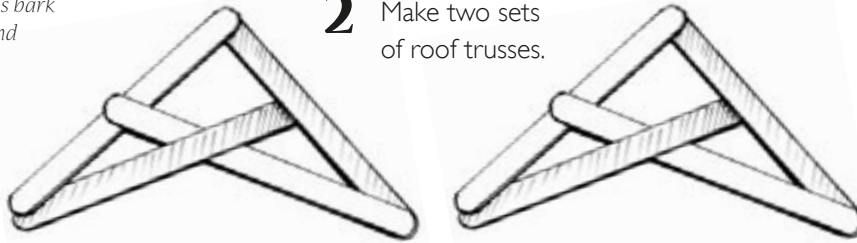
Did you know?

Many old houses have beautiful cypress floorboards hiding under carpet.

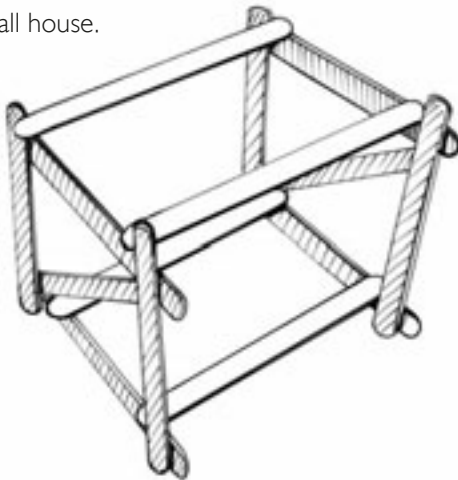
Did you know?

Resin from white cypress bark is used to make lollies and medicine.

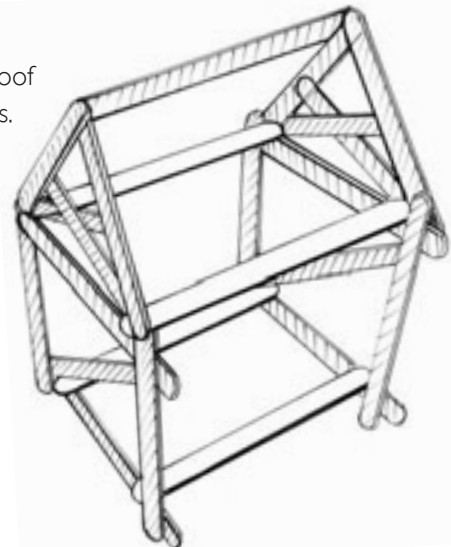
- 2** Make two sets of roof trusses.



- 3** Assemble wall frames to make a small house.



- 4** Add roof trusses.



- 5** Add a roof and floorboards.



- 6** Clad the walls leaving holes for windows and doors.

