



Make a fort (or Stripey's secret nest!)

You will need: A large sheet or blanket, 2-4 chairs, some heavy books, some big cushions (ideally from a sofa), pillows and smaller cushions, a soft duvet, paper, colouring pencils and craft materials, a torch, perhaps some fairy lights and some secret snacks.

Instructions

1. Choose a wall or bed to use as the back wall of your nest. Make sure there is some empty floor space in front of it.
2. Place 2 chairs with their backs opposite each other to make the two side walls (you can use 2 chairs on each side you if want to make a gigantic nest).
3. Lean your biggest cushions on the inside of the three walls.
4. Drape a large sheet or blanket over the chairs and put some heavy books on top to keep it in place.
5. Arrange the soft duvet in a nest shape on the floor under the sheet or blanket.
6. Scatter the pillows and smaller cushions around the nest to make it really comfy.
7. Decorate Stripey's secret nest however you like e.g. cut out colourful or stripey leaves and flowers and attach to the outside of the sheet or blanket with tape, hang up fairy lights, make a flag, hang stripey socks around the entrance etc.
8. Make a sign with the name of your nest (see below) and hang on the front.
9. Protect Stripey's secret nest by making a secret password (see below). You could even invent a secret handshake (High five, Jazz hands, Finger click etc.) to lock up the nest.
10. Take your torch, toys, games, favourite books and secret snacks into your nest and have fun!





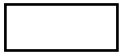


We'd love to see your finished nest - upload to Facebook, Twitter and/or Instagram with the hashtag [#Stripes4Stripey2020](#) and don't forget to tag us [@StripeyStork](#).



Protect your secret nest

Make up your own secret code to use in your nest by replacing letters of the alphabet with symbols – here are some examples to get you started:

A =  B =  C =  D =  E = 

A		B		C		D	
E		F		G		H	
I		J		K		L	
M		N		O		P	
Q		R		S		T	
U		V		W		X	
Y		Z					

Now make up a password to protect your secret nest and write it in code below:



Make a sign for your secret nest

1. What would be an exciting and memorable name for your secret nest? Choose a name and write it in the box below.
2. Write down the names of everyone who helped to build.
3. Cut out the sign, and the two holes and use some string to hang it on the front of your nest.



Welcome to our secret nest, called

This nest was built by

No entry without the password!!

