



The Mini Time Machine
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Materials:

- Round Wooden Piece (base)
- Pinch of Cork Chips (sand texture)
- Two Medium Sized Popsicle Sticks (for cacti)
- One Small Popsicle Stick (for cacti)
- Six Popsicle Stick Tips (for cacti)
- Pink Felt Square (flower for cacti)
- Q-tip (snake)
- Green Pipe Cleaner (mini ocotillo)
- Tacky Glue
- Scissors
- Hot Glue (Supervised by an Adult)



Instructions:

Step 1: Spread the tacky glue on the piece of wood, then sprinkle the wood chips on top to create a sand-like texture.



Step 2: Take the popsicle sticks and cut the larger one in half.



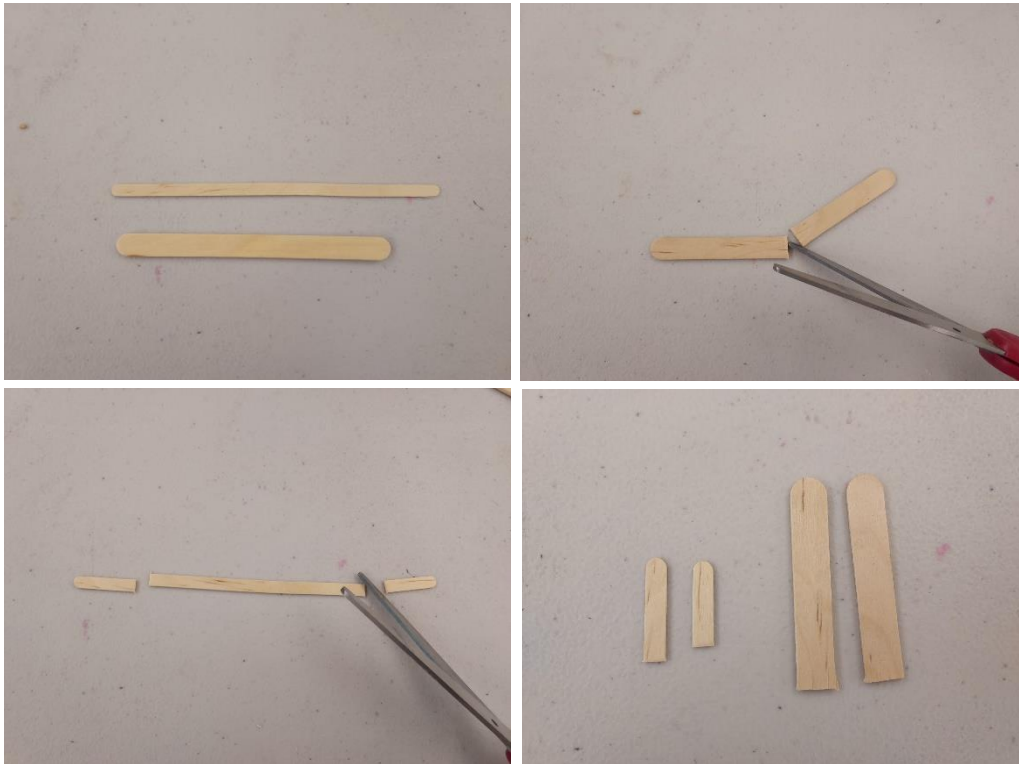
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Step 3: Cut the tips of the smaller popsicle stick and remove the middle piece. (We will not be using it)



Step 4: Take the popsicle stick tips and put tacky glue on one side of them, press until they stick.



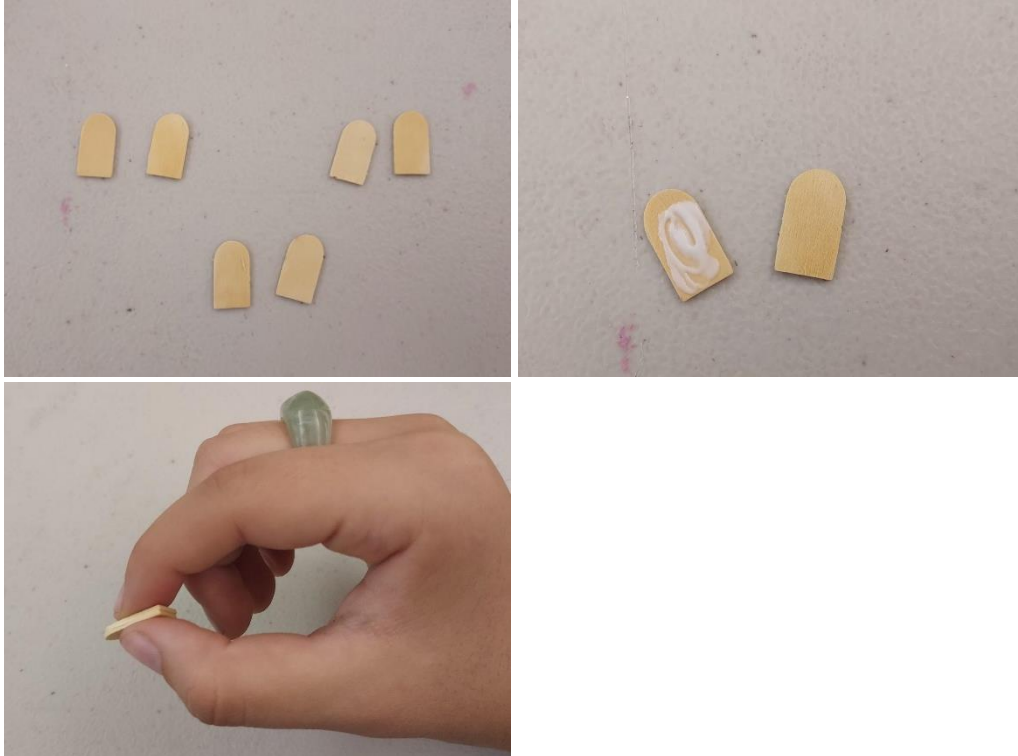
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Step 5: Repeat this process three times as well as with the large popsicle stick pieces.



Step 6: Once all popsicle stick pieces are dry, use a green marker to color each piece.



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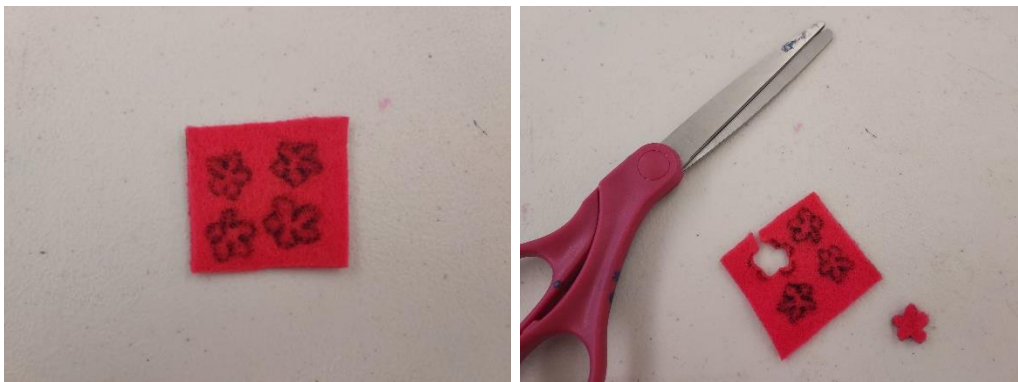
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Step 7: Once completed with coloring, take the small popsicle sticks and use tacky glue to stick them onto the large popsicle sticks, creating a saguaro cactus.



Step 8: Draw four small flowers on the felt square, then cut all four out and throw away the excess.



Step 9: Cut off one of the Q-tip tips, bend that Q-tip twice to create a squiggle, and draw on eyes and patterns to create a snake.





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Step 10: Cut the pipe cleaner into three pieces.



Step 11: Choose where you would like to place your plants and snake on the wooden circle.

Step 12: Have an adult hot glue your items to those places, and you have a mini desert!



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