

## Camp@Home - Activities

This activity idea was originally part of a Durham Scouts [Camp@Home](#) event. It has been adapted for broader use as part of the Scouting from Home programme



## Mini-Pioneering

There are pioneering badges for cubs, scouts and explorers, but beaver scouts can also try some of the simpler ideas, especially using elastic bands or loom bands instead of knots and lashings.

When we think of pioneering we often think of massive large structures on scout campsites, but you can also practice your skills by making models – or you could make some ‘gadgets’ for use around your [Camp@Home](#).

If you need help with knots and lashings, just type ‘Scout Pioneering’ in to Google, or search for ‘Scout Pioneering’ on YouTube

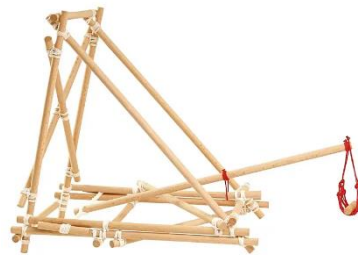
### Mini-Pioneering

While at home, you can make mini-pioneering projects – small scale models of larger projects which you might like to build when we’re back Scouting as usual.

Here are some ideas for you to try:



Suspension Bridge



Mangonel



Pyramid Tower



Beacon Tower



Camp Table



Stilt Tower



Road Bridge



Roman Catapult

However, you don't need to spend money as you can use pencils, pieces of dowel (thin round wood) or even straight twigs and branches. You can secure your projects with string, elastic bands, wire wraps or whatever you have that works.

### Camp Gadgets

You can also make 'camp gadgets' for your [Camp@Home](#) – small pioneering projects which are useful around camp. Some examples are shown below (click in the image to open a larger version online)

The pictures below will give you some great ideas and there are also some good ideas for camp gadgets on [Scouting Resources UK](#), which you can access using the links below. These are divided into:

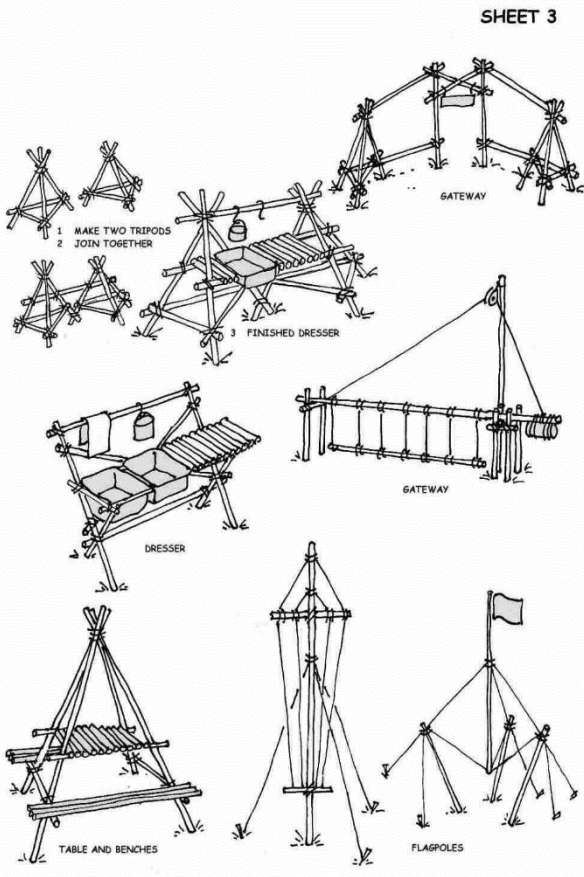
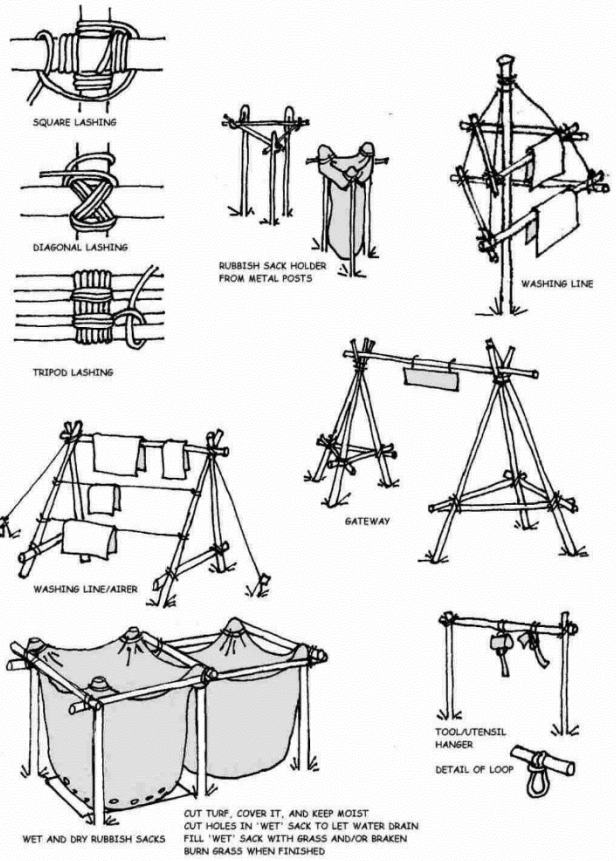
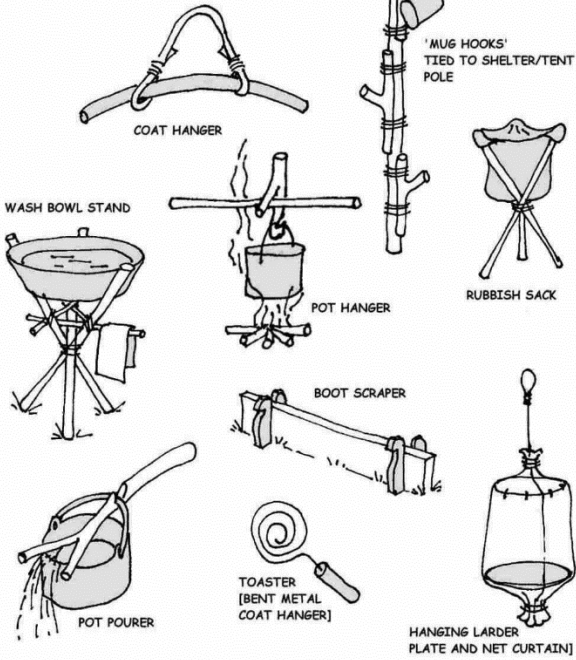
- [General](#)
- [Campfire](#)
- [Kitchen](#)

**SHEET 1**

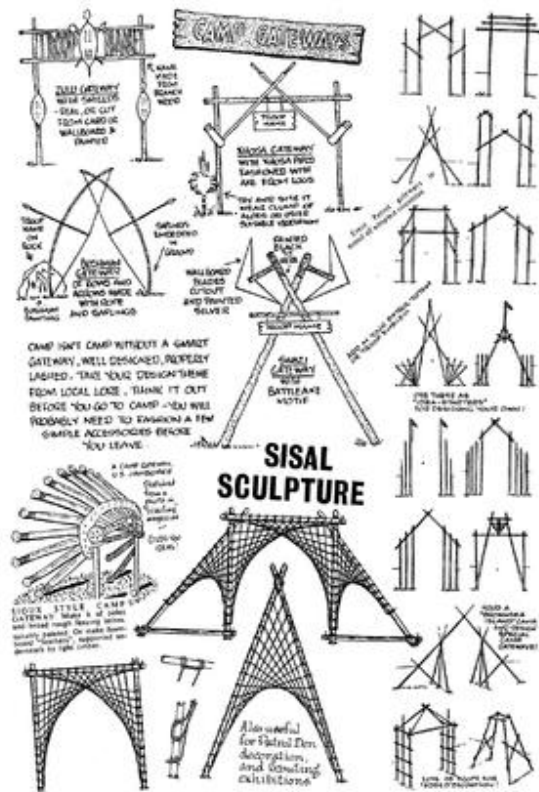
WE EXPECT TO SEE AT LEAST:  
 THREE GADGETS FROM SHEET 1 [WORTH 5 POINTS EACH]  
 TWO GADGETS FROM SHEET 2 [WORTH 15 POINTS EACH]  
 ONE GADGET FROM SHEET 3 [WORTH 30 POINTS]  
 AND  
 ONE MORE GADGET FROM ANY OF THE SHEETS  
 POINTS WILL BE GIVEN FOR STABILITY AND CORRECT USE OF KNOTS AND LASHINGS  
 NOTE: GADGETS HAVE TO BE REALLY GOOD TO GET THE MAXIMUM POINTS

BAMBOO CANES WILL NOT BE SUITABLE FOR MANY OF THESE PROJECTS

IF YOU MAKE OTHER GADGETS NOT SHOWN ON THESE SHEETS, THE JUDGES WILL DETERMINE IF THEY ARE WORTH 5, 15 or 30 POINTS MAXIMUM



Or what about a gateway or small sculpture for your Camp@Home campsite, using ideas from Scouts South Africa ?



Click on the image or [click here](#) to open online

For our cubs, scouts and explorer Scouts, depending on what you do you can complete lots of requirements towards your Pioneer Badge (shown in purple). You can easily take photos or make videos of your projects to show that you can meet the different requirements of the relevant badge



### Cubs Pioneer Activity Badge

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/cubs/activity-badges/pioneer/>

How to earn your badge:

1. Make your own rope, perhaps using a rope machine or working with a friend.
2. Tie a simple lashing.
3. Show how you would:
  - o tie three different knots, such as a reef, figure of eight, sheet bend or bowline
  - o make one hitch, such as a clove hitch, round turn and two half-hitches or a cow hitch
4. Take part in a knot game.
5. Build an indoor pioneering project using simple knots and lashings.



### Scouts Pioneer Activity Badge

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/scouts/activity-badges/pioneer/>

How to earn your badge:

1. As a member of a group, take part in:
  - a. an indoor pioneering project, like constructing a guided missile launcher or chariot
  - b. an outdoor pioneering project, like building a monkey bridge, a raft or parallel runway
2. Show the correct way to do these:
  - a. a whipping or safe rope sealing
  - b. a splice
  - c. coiling and storing a rope
  - d. using levers to extract objects or move heavy weights
  - e. being safe in pioneering projects. Explain why it's important.
3. Name and tie at least six knots and three lashings that are useful in pioneering.



### Explorer Pioneer Activity Badge

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/explorers/activity-badges/pioneer/>

How to earn your badge:

1. Build a scale pioneering model.
2. Take a lead role in building an outside pioneering project, such as an aerial runway or an hourglass tower.
3. During your project, demonstrate your ability in:
  - a. 10 knots, bends or hitches
  - b. four lashings
  - c. the use of simple blocks and tackle
  - d. anchorages for firm and soft ground
  - e. understanding the need for supervision in pioneering projects
4. Demonstrate two whippings and two splices.