

WORKSHOP EXTENSION ACTIVITY

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Ages 5-12

CONNECT.

Decks and patios give people space to enjoy the outdoors while still being close to their home.

What are some activities you could do as you spend time with friends and family on a deck? How could you use it to relax, unwind, and have fun?

INVESTIGATE.

You'll soon be creating your very own model deck, complete with your new Grill Gift Card Box!

If you could design a backyard deck of your dreams, what would it include?

Since grilling is going to be involved, be sure to think about space for the grill as well as a spot for people to sit down and enjoy the food that will be cooked.

From there, reflect on what your family and friends enjoy doing. Do they like to plant flowers? Read? Play games? Dance? Think about what the ideal deck space may look like for the people you love.

Then, grab a notebook and a pencil and begin to sketch your ideas. Try multiple layouts and sketch your designs on several pages.

INNOVATE.

Now let's make your dream deck a reality!

You'll need:

- Your Grill Gift Card Box
- White foam project board
- Scissors
- 6-inch paint and craft sticks
- Hot glue
- Paint
- Paint brushes
- Modeling or air-dry clay

1. Select the deck design idea that you like the best. Use this as your starting point for your model deck creation!
2. Grab your white foam project board. This will be the base of your new model deck. Place your Grill Gift Card Box on the foam board for a sense of scale (or how big your model deck should be). Based on the deck plans that you sketched, do you need to make your deck floor smaller or change its shape? If so, cut the foam board with the help of an adult.
3. Cover the foam board with your craft sticks. (It's okay if they stick off the sides a bit, but try to make all the edges even!) Once you're happy with how they fit, use the hot glue to secure the wood in place.

4. Consider: Some decks sit close to the ground while others are up pretty high. Where will your deck be?

If your deck will be up off the ground, you should probably have a railing to keep people safe. Be creative and use the craft sticks and hot glue to create a railing that encloses your model deck.

5. Decide if you'd like your deck to be painted. While many decks tend to be a natural wood, they really can be any color! If you like, select a color and paint carefully.
6. As the paint dries, focus on the furniture and the other items you'll have on your deck. Refer back to your design and use a combination of clay and craft sticks to create your tables, benches, and other ideas.
7. Finally, place all of your new items, including your Grill Gift Card Box, on top of your new model deck. Does it look like you had envisioned? Make tweaks and add new pieces until you are happy with your dream deck.

If only you could now make it life-sized!

Share a photo of your dream deck, complete with your Grill Gift Card Box, using #kidsworkshopexplore



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