

## Popsicle stick Hides for Hamsters!

You will need:

Untreated popsicle sticks

Glue \*\*\*\*

Ideas!

\*\*\* The safest glues on the market are PVA based - either hot glue from a glue gun or water soluble non-toxic glues like Bostik craft glue (water soluble means they will obviously break down if wet). While hot glue is not toxic, it is not water soluble - if chunks are swallowed, they can build up in the gut and possibly cause obstruction. To prevent this, simply ensure glue is not left exposed to be chewed! This precaution should be taken with any glue used.

Glue can be made at home using one of these recipes:

Simply mix water and flour together until you have a paste that is the consistency of pancake batter. Heat on low for 5 minutes. This recipe is non-toxic but it does take a while to dry.

Mix 1 cup of tapioca starch, 2 cups of cold water and 4 tablespoons of sugar in a sauce pan until all ingredients are dissolved. Stir over medium heat until it forms a paste. This mixture should be stored in an airtight container that just fits the amount that you have left.

