

Ideas for using the Wooden Stools (MES1330)



Features

Pack size: 8

Material: Acacia wood (a sustainable wood)

Height: 25cm

Diameter: 26cm

Set of small, chunky, hand carved wooden stools with a selection of plain and painted tops, ideal for a variety of purposes. *(Please note contents and designs may vary)*

Enhance your learning environment by adding a rustic charm to your classroom setting. The stools are versatile and can be moved around to provide flexible seating options. They can even be used outside with care but please note that they are not suitable to be stored outside or used in wet weather. There are many ways to use the stools. Here are a few ideas. We hope you enjoy them.

Idea 1: Drumming or Musical Ensembles

The stools are great for small group drumming activities as larger drums can be held between the legs and smaller drums held on the lap. Or alternatively other percussion instruments can be placed in the middle of the circle to allow children to select, play and pass around. The stools provide an ideal platform for enjoying singing, listening, composing and performing.

Idea 2: Classroom Book Area or School Library

The stools will help create an inviting reading area where children can read and share books. Use headphones to allow groups to listen to stories and texts together. Arrange the stools in a circle for group reading sessions and sharing stories and poems. The stools are perfect for a shared library space to encourage pupils to enjoy reading and spend time choosing the right books.

Idea 3: Storytelling and Talk for Writing

Create a storytelling circle and encourage children to retell stories and make-up stories of their own. A microphone can be passed around the group to help amplify voices and to show when someone is talking, encouraging everyone to take part and take turns. Use recordable devices to record ideas for writing. The stools can be used for drama activities such as hot seating and the children can ask questions to guess what image is on the stool the person is sat on.

Idea 4: Small Group Work

The stools can be moved around to enable groups to be able to work together. They are ideal for adult led activities or other group work. Provide clipboards or whiteboards for pupils to record on.

Idea 5: Circle Time Games

The stools lend themselves beautifully to share special times such as circle time. Many circle time games can be played using the stools such as rainstorm, keeper of the keys, pass the pebble and mystery feely bag. The stools can help to promote social skills, listening and cooperation and encourage turn taking, attention and community building.

Idea 6: Artist Stools

The stools could be taken outside (*if weather allows*) and used by the pupils to sketch from different viewpoints to observe the things in the outdoor area. Inside the stools can be positioned around an artefact studying to allow children a good view for close observations.

Idea 7: Group Discussions

Set up the stools for group discussions and create opportunities for pupils to participate in and benefit from classroom talk. The stools can be used as a way to teach and learn about the principles of Fair Trade and to talk about sustainability.

Idea 8: Creating Inclusive Learning Areas

Use the stools to create a magical woodland learning area or a calming sensory space. The stools can be moved around to be used in different ways. The stools can provide an alternative seating option to a chair and can be beneficial for helping to develop core strength and posture.