

# DIY Tool Building

Something that sets primates apart from other mammals is tool use! Great Apes are special because they have thumbs that can bend to touch other fingers for grasping objects and making the best use of their tool. Think about how you use tools. Can you imagine picking up a fork, writing your letters or zipping your coat without your thumbs? While Great Apes like chimpanzees look for tools in their habitats like stones and sticks, humans create all kinds of tools to get the job done! Create your own tweezer tool by following these steps.

## Suggested Materials

Craft or Popsicle Sticks

Rubber Bands

Cotton Ball or other type Pom-Pom ball

### Step 1

Gather your materials!

### Step 2

Stack two sticks together.

### Step 3

Place the cotton ball between the two sticks at one end.

### Step 4

Add two or more rubber bands to the end where the cotton ball is.

### Step 5

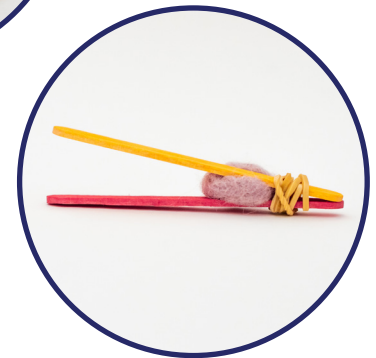
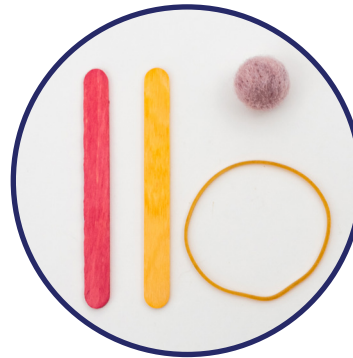
Put your tool to use! See what you can pick up with your tool. The bigger the cotton ball the wider the open end will be.

### Step 6

Write down 5 things that you picked up using your tool!

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4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_



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