

# Twig Furniture

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Supplies: fine gauge cloth covered wire (1/32" wide – note the heavier wire will be harder to work with) (or use cording or thread that has been coated with glue to stiffen)  
Bamboo skewers  
Craft knife  
Scissors  
Brown paint  
Fabric  
Wood or cardboard 1 3/8" x 1"  
Glue – tacky and Wood

## BED

1. Cut the following from bamboo skewer
  - a. 4 - 1/2" long bedposts
  - b. 4 - 1 1/2" long side rails
  - c. 4 - 7/8" long head and foot board rails
  - d. 1 - 1 1/4" long additional head board rail
2. Lay bedposts flat and mark lightly w/ pencil 1/8" and 5/16" from bottom.
3. Use wood glue to glue 2 foot rails between 2 bedposts at marks. Repeat for headboard rails.
4. Glue additional head board rail on top of the headboard. There should be a 3/32" overhang on each end.
5. Cut 3 wires 3" long. Against a flat surface curve them together to a rounded headboard shape. The width of the outside wire should match the top rail of the headboard. Glue these three wires together with tacky glue.
6. Once dry, remove excess glue from wires. Lay wires on top of headboard, mark lightly at the top rail and bottom rail on the wires. Then use fingers or pliers to bend between marks. The wires will come forward and curve outward at the bottom. The outside wire will be in front of the other two. This new curve will go outside of the top side rail and back in for lower side rail. (This step is tricky, but it won't really be seen so close is good enough.)
7. Cut 9 wires 1" long. Glue a single wire to the center of the 3 rails of the headboard. Glue 4 sets of two together 2 sets on either side of center wire. These wires may need to be bent slightly back to allow the headboard curved wires to



- lay on top. Lay curved headboard wires face down and lay railing on top. Separate the 4 sets of wires to make a V and then glue at even intervals along the curved headboard. Cut the excess wire above the curve when dry.
8. Now glue side rails to the headboard. The rails on the side and on the headboard should match up. Then glue side rails to footboard, matching the rails.
  9. Paint entire assembly brown.
  10. Glue in place the wood piece. Add fabric bedding as desired.

## CHAIR

Follow steps for bed, except for the following:

Step 1. Cut from bamboo skewer:

- a. 2 – 11/32” front legs
- b. 2 – 5/8” back legs
- c. 2 – 13/16” back supports
- d. 8 - 5/16” seat rails

Step 4. Also glue 2<sup>nd</sup> back support at 3/8” mark to back of back assembly.

Step 7. Cut 5 wires 1” long

Prior to Step 9. Cut 4 wires – 1” long and glue two together to form each arm. Then wrap wire around the lower back support and have the arm come out inside 3 curved wires. They will come across the front legs and wrap around the front top rail. Trim wires as needed.



## COUCH

Follow steps for bed except the following:

Step 1. Cut from bamboo skewer:

- a. 4 – 7/8” seat rails for front and back
- b. 2 - 1 1/4” additional back support rail
- c. 2 – 11/32” front legs
- d. 2 – 5/8” back legs
- e. 4 - 5/16” side seat rails

Step 4. Also glue 2<sup>nd</sup> back support at 3/8” mark to back of back assembly.

Prior to Step 9. Cut 4 wires – 1” long and glue two together to form each arm. Then wrap wire around the lower back support and have the arm come out inside 3 curved wires. They will come across the front legs and wrap around the front top rail. Trim wires as needed.



Additional note: The height of the back is approximately 1” when combined with the base. Shape of back will vary slightly from piece to piece. Height can be adjusted when working in step 6.