

# Woodworking Exploration *at Home*

Take home a book such as *Old MacDonald Had a Woodshop* by Lisa Shulman.

Continue to call out the names of the tools in your home environment and use appropriate ones together. This helps your child develop independence, confidence, and competency with woodworking.

Discuss the importance of safety when using tools. But remember that you can start an exploration of woodworking without any tools by providing various types of scrap pieces of wood along with craft materials and glue to explore and attach.

Challenge children to create something new with wood and other craft materials attached by nails, glue, or screws. Ask: How might you connect those two things together? What will work best?

Use a tape measure or ruler to help them make things bigger or smaller.

When sanding, ask: How is the wood changing? How does it feel in your hands before and after sanding it? Why do you think this happens?

