



## Seating Ideas



The seating area above has been made from logs found lying in the forest. Ask parents in the school if they would have access to any logs. There may be a tree surgeon, farmer etc. who has logs that are available.



This seating design is great for flexibility. The seats can easily be moved around your Forest School site and additional seating can be brought in when needed.

Developing a seating area in your Forest School setting is a very useful addition.

- a) Quite often pupils are very excited about Forest Schools. The seating area lets the pupils “settle down” before they begin their session.
- b) It is a formal area for reflection. After your session, use the seating area for “Circle Time” and evaluate how the session went and reinforce any learning intentions.
- c) The seating area can be used for activities that demand a greater level of concentration from the pupils e.g. reading a story, using hand tools, toasting marshmallows in a fire pit in the middle of the seating.



If you do not have the budget or the space for permanent seating an inexpensive solution is to use tarpaulins to sit on.

Use tent pegs to pin the corners down.



NIFSA install this design of seating in Forest School areas.

It is made from decking and therefore should last sometime. An application of preservative would help make it last longer.

There needs to be a good level of soil to be able to hammer the legs into the ground.

When the fire pit is being used, the outside seats are used, using the inside as a safety barrier.



Tree stumps are as good a seating as anything else.

Again they can be moved around the site and you may be able to get them from a local landowner or tree surgeon.

They will also last a very long time!