

# Shaped logs

Logs that are roughly shaped can have additional play value for holding sand, stones, soil or rain and can stimulate imaginative play. Carving channels along the surface of a log can create tracks for marbles or pebbles to be rolled. Place near water to divert streams along their length.

## HOW TO BUILD



- Ensure that logs are stabilised in the ground or sitting securely above the ground. Roughly cut out a hollow (or series of hollows) with a chainsaw. Shape and smooth with a chisel or adze.

Trimming of branches might be necessary to ensure no traps or fall risks exist. ● Create grooves or 'runs' in logs with a chainsaw or chisel. Creating a continuous fall is not essential as children will enjoy pushing objects along channels. ● A series of logs with connecting channels or parallel channels will create interesting tracks and allow for a variety of games to be played.



## Safety issues

- Stability of log, potential traps, slippery when wet.
- Contact a play specialist to get help trimming branches.
- Refer to fall heights, falling space and entrapment in safety section of appendix.

