## Math

- The child learns about measurements, as they need to accurately measure the wood before cutting it.
- The child applies mathematical concepts such as length, width, and height to create the shelves with specific dimensions.
- They use fractions and divisions to ensure the wood pieces are cut accurately.
- Additionally, they might calculate the number of wood pieces needed and the total cost based on the measurements.

## **Physical Education**

- While this activity might not directly relate to physical education, the child engages in physical movement and coordination while measuring and cutting the wood.
- It also teaches the importance of precision and attention to detail, which are transferable skills to physical activities.

## **Science**

- The child learns about the physical properties of wood and how the structure and composition affect the ability to cut and build shelves.
- Understanding the strength of different types of wood and the load-bearing capabilities of the shelves involves concepts of materials science and physics.
- They also learn about using tools safely and understanding the physics of cutting and assembling materials.

Continued development related to the activity can involve exploring advanced woodworking techniques, studying the sustainability of wood sources, or experimenting with different types of joints and finishes for the shelves.

## **Book Recommendations**

- A Kids' Guide to Building: Forts by Tom Birdseye: This book provides step-by-step instructions for building forts, introducing concepts of construction and design.
- <u>The Math of Nature</u> by Ian Stewart: This book explores the mathematical principles behind natural phenomena, making math more accessible and interesting.
- <u>How to Build Treehouses</u>, <u>Huts</u>, <u>and Forts</u> by David Stiles: This book offers practical tips and techniques for building simple structures, encouraging hands-on building projects.

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