

Ahoy! Ring Buoy

Weave your way to safety!

Water Smart® Safety Tip

Backyard Pools, Follow the Rules!

- Access to any type of open body of water should be restricted with fences, locking gates or emptied when finished (i.e. kiddie pools, hot tubs)
- Equip your backyard pool with rescue and safety equipment, like a reaching pole, lifejackets, a 20" ring buoy with throwing lines, and access to an emergency phone

Follow the rules: an adult should actively supervise all children around water and stay within arms' reach of children aged 5 and under at all times

Activity preparation time

5 minutes – Age: 7+ (parental assistance may be required)

What you need

- 6 Popsicle sticks
- Ball of thick red yarn, white yarn, blue yarn
- Scissors
- Glue gun, glue

Instructions

1. Create a star shape with 6 popsicle sticks, gluing one on top of the other where they meet in the centre (see photo).
2. Knot the end of the white yarn to the centre of the popsicle stick star and wrap yarn around each popsicle stick once.
3. Weave the white yarn around each popsicle stick in a clockwise direction, alternating each wrap of the popsicle stick from on top of one stick, to underneath the next stick.
4. Continue wrapping white yarn around popsicle sticks in a clockwise direction until a 1 inch layer of yarn forms a circle from the centre.
5. Cut the white yarn, tie a knot on a popsicle stick and from that point, tie red yarn and weave in a clockwise direction repeating steps 3-4.
6. After forming a 1.5 inch ring around the white yarn circle, cut and then tie the red yarn.
7. Cut a 10 inch long piece of thick blue yarn and wrap vertically around the red yarn three times then tie a knot behind.
8. Repeat in three other locations, spread out around the ring buoy, reference photo.
9. Optional: Wrap white yarn around ends of popsicle sticks connecting each point around the ring buoy. Add an extra hanging loop at the top by tying an extra piece of yarn to two stick ends.

