

Wooden Stools (Set of 8)

Guidance Notes for Teachers

A beautiful set of small, chunky and versatile Acacia wood stools, perfect for KS1 and KS2 pupils to sit comfortably around a gathering drum or for any quiet corner. The pack contains a selection of plain and different hand carved and painted tops. These stools can be used for a variety of purposes in classrooms and the school environment.



Features:

Pack size: 8

Material: Acacia wood

Diameter: 26cm

Height: 25cm

Please note contents and designs may vary.

Idea 1 – Drumming

- Use these stools for small group drumming activities.
- Larger drums can be held between the legs. Smaller drums can be held on the lap.

Idea 2 – Classroom Book Area

- With pupils sat in a circle, encourage shared reading with an adult leading the session.
- Promote independent reading by encouraging pupils to sit and read in a quiet book area.
- Use the stools for storytelling and encourage the children to make up their own stories.

Idea 3 – Forest School

- Set up the stools with relevant books to create a space for quiet reading.
- Encourage the pupils to sketch their view from different viewpoints in the outside area.
- *Stools should not be stored outside/used in wet weather.*

Idea 4 – School Library

- Arrange the stools in the shared library space.
- Encourage pupils to read independently or to share books in a small group whilst seated.

Idea 5 – Small Group Work

- For teacher directed activities provide each pupil with a stool facing the adult.
- Provide clipboards if the activity is paper related.



➤ Sustainability

These stools are produced in northern Thailand from Acacia wood, a sustainable wood which can be responsibly harvested.

➤ Fair Trade

Fair Trade is a worldwide movement that aims to help producers in less economically developed countries, whether they be handicraft producers or farmers. The term Fair Trade means that producers receive a fair price for the goods they produce.

The stools can be used as a way to teach and learn about the principles of Fair Trade. Teaching the principles of Fair Trade provides learning opportunities in many areas of learning, including PSED/PSHE, Understanding the World and Geography. The instruments have been sourced by Siesta, who have been a member of [BAFTS](#) (the British Association for Fair Trade Shops and Suppliers) for over 25 years and are also a BAFTS recognised Fair Trade importer.

The suppliers of the stools in this pack are small family businesses employing only a few people; Siesta try to keep them in continuous work enabling their businesses to grow. Each stool in this pack is handmade with materials being sustainably sourced, and the traditional skills of carving and hand painting being kept alive.

Explore further – What are the 10 Principles of Fair Trade? How does Fair Trade help producers? Research the many organisations around the world, including Fairtrade Foundation, the British Association for Fair Trade Shops and Suppliers (BAFTS) and World Fair Trade Organisation (WFTO).