

Hi Idaho forests! I just love all of the things you provide for me! I use your products every day. The bed I sleep in, the chair I sit in when I read books, and even the toilet paper at my house are all made from wood.

One of my favorite uses of wood is making things. The first Saturday of every month my family goes to a local home improvement store where we get a wood project to build. They are really fun! Some of the projects I've made are: a wooden boat, a pickup and camper, a bird feeder, mini football game, and a Christmas tree ornament. Sometimes the projects are hard, but I can follow the instructions and build them by myself most of the time. From doing those projects I have learned that you have to be optimistic to get them done. Sometimes when I first start I don't know how I will ever get it done, and I have to ask for help. I never thought wood could teach me that I love building things!

One way I am helping to ensure healthy trees and forests for the future is by not being wasteful. When I build a project I use all my scraps, and don't ever let any piece of wood go unused. But the best way to ensure healthy forests for the future is to plant a new tree for every tree cut down.