

Toothpick Uses

Apply glue. Dip one end of a Toothpick into the glue to apply small drops.

Improvise a bookmark. Keep your place with a Toothpick.

Plug small nail or thumbtack holes in wood. Dip the end of a Toothpick in glue, insert into the hole, slice flush with a single-edge razor blade, sand smooth, and refinish the wood.

Root a potato or avocado. Securely insert four Toothpicks equidistantly around the equator of the potato or avocado. (You can use a nail to punch starter holes in the avocado.) Fill a glass with water, set the potato or avocado in the glass so the toothpicks allow only the bottom half of the potato or avocado to sit in the water. Place the glass on a window ledge to get sunlight. When roots and shoots appear, pot the plant in soil.

Repair broken eyeglasses temporarily. If you lose a screw from your eyeglasses, substitute a Toothpick in its place until you can get it fixed properly.

Clean tight crevices. Dip a Toothpick in alcohol to clean tight spaces

Make a garlic clove easy to handle. Stick a Toothpick into a clove of garlic before tossing it into a marinade, so you can remove it easily.

Give a broken plant stem first aid. Make a splint with a Toothpick and Scotch Tape.

Cook sausages with ease. Use two Toothpicks to skewer two or three sausages together to make them easier to turn and brown evenly.

Tighten a loose screw. Insert a Toothpick into the screw hole, break it off at the surface, and rescrew the screw.

Determine whether a cake is baked. Insert a Toothpick in the center of the cake and remove. If it comes out clean, the cake is ready.

Repair a pinhole in a garden hose temporarily. Insert a Toothpick into the hole, snap it off flush with the hose's outer skin, then wrap Scotch Packaging Tape around the spot. The wood toothpick will absorb water, swelling to seal the hole.