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**WHERE THE BEAVER HOLES UP**

Beavers live in the forests of Europe and North America. They feed on leaves and the bark of trees. To get what they need, they cut down saplings and even trees with trunks a foot or so in diameter, gnawing through the wood with their chisel teeth. They need a home where they will be safe from hunting animals such as bears or lynx and they also need a place to store food for the winter when the land is snow-bound. They get both by building a dam.

A newly-mated pair of beavers choose for their home a valley with a small stream running down it. With a fine eye for the lie of the land, they select a particular point along the stream and then start to build their dam. They ram sticks upright into the stream bed. Across them, they drag thin saplings and then trundle boulders on to them to weight them down. They dig mud from the banks and nudge that into the construction to bind the sticks, leaves and boulders together. If the supply of suitable saplings near the site runs out, they will dig canals leading into the stream and float down their logs from farther away