



Play activity
All ages

Naturally creative outdoors



Overview

The natural world has inspired artists for generations. Large or small, colourful or plain, textured or smooth, can nature inspire you to create a piece of transient art in your outdoor space?

Equipment

- An outdoor space to create your work of art inspired by nature.
- A range of natural materials.
- A range of loose play materials, varying in shape and size.

Activity

1. Work on your own or with a group of friends.
2. Decide on the scale of your design based on the area you are playing in.
3. Either think of a design first and then collect the materials you need OR collect a variety of materials and see what comes to mind.
4. When finding natural materials, make use of what you find on the ground.
5. Will the weather affect what materials you use? Remember, leaves will blow away on a windy day!
6. Your piece of art could be either 2D or 3D.
7. Can your friends guess what you have made?

Further activities

1. What is the biggest and smallest picture you can create?
2. Can you link your picture to the current season – either by theme or by only using seasonal materials.
3. Create your pictures on different surfaces and on an angle, such as a grass slope. What challenges does this present?
4. Use only one type of material to create your picture.
5. Create different pictures that link together in some way, for example a spider web or a bird's nest and see if your friends can guess the words using the clues. Can you make up a short story just using pictures?



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