

Have Fun with

Nature

Leaf rubbing



You will need:

- Leaves
- Paper
- Crayons

Instructions:

First collect leaves of different shapes and sizes. Place a leaf on a sheet of paper then place another sheet on top of the leaf. Rub a crayon over the sheet until you see the image of a leaf come through on the page. To finish hang your picture in a place everyone can see it.

Make a picture

You will need:

- Paper or cardboard
- Glue
- Twigs, leaves, grass, petals – anything you can find outside that you can make a picture with

Instructions:

Collect the leaves, grass and petals and cardboard to make your picture. When you are happy with your creation glue the items into place. Show off your work of art!





Bird Watching



You will need:

- Download the National Trust bird spotter guide
- Make yourself comfortable
- See how many birds you can see in your garden

Egg carton garden

You will need:

- An egg carton
- Soil
- Seeds

Instructions:

Cut the top off the egg carton and fill the egg cups with soil. Plant the seeds in the soil and then water the seeds. Place on a windowsill and watch the seeds grow. When they have grown into strong shoots remove them from the carton and plant.



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Welly boot garden



You will need:

- Old wellies
- Soil
- Plants

Instructions:

First ask an adult to make holes in the sole of the wellie boots to allow water to drain then fill the boots with soil. Add plants and water. To finish put your boot in a place for everyone to see and admire.

Garden banner

You will need:

- String
- Card / Material
- Glue

Instructions:

Use the card / material to make designs of your choice. Pierce a hole at the top of your design. Loop string through the hole and tie in a knot. Thread a long piece of string through each of the loops. Now you can hang your banner around the garden.



Garden Journal

You will need:

- Notebook
- Pens / pencils

Instructions:

Look at the different things in your garden. Write about how they look, how they smell, how they feel. Draw some of the things you see. Does the way they look change over time? Does the garden look different in the day and in the night? Write a story based on the things you see.



Bug Hunting

You will need:

- Overripe banana
- Brown sugar
- Magnifying glass

Instructions:

A good way to attract bugs is to put out something sweet like a banana with brown sugar sprinkled on top. Let the banana mixture sit outside a while, then spread it onto the bark of a tree.

Check it regularly to see what new bugs you have attracted. Look through the magnifying glass and draw what you see. Come out at night with a torch and see if there are any newcomers.



Daisy chain

You will need:

- Daisies

Instructions:

Pick a bunch of long daisies in the garden. Using your thumbnail make a slit about half an inch long in the stem of the daisy. Take one of the other daisies and place it through the slit in the first daisy. Keep repeating this until you have a chain to make a bracelet or a necklace or just see how big a chain you can make. Once you have linked all of your daisies together, you must finish off the chain by connecting the first daisy to the last daisy. Make a slit in the last daisy on the chain. But this time, instead of making the slit a half inch long, go for about an inch. This way you can link the original daisy through the slit.

Stone painting

You will need:

- Stones
- Paint
- Paint brushes

Instructions:

Find stones in the garden and wash them. Let the stones dry before painting. Paint your stones in any way you like!





Cloud shapes



You will need:

- Clouds in the sky

Instructions:

Look up and watch the clouds blowing across the sky – what shapes can you see? What stories can you tell about the shapes in the clouds?



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