

Art with Nature

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With the nice weather and sunshine I've been thinking about easy art projects involving nature. These projects are adapted from "Preschool Art" by MaryAnn Kohl.

SPRINKLE COLLAGE

Materials:

- glue
- paper
- sprinkles found in nature or around the house such as sand, dirt, seeds, pine needles, saw dust, wood shavings, salt, or bits of yarn



Process:

1. Squeeze glue, dribble from a stick or a straw, or use a paintbrush to paint the glue onto paper.
2. Sprinkle wet glue design with any or all sprinkles, mixed or separated
3. Curve paper & dump excess sprinkles.
4. Let the project dry completely.

STICK WRAPPING

Materials:

- Stick, 3' long or 1/2"-3/4" dowel (use a shorter stick for younger artists)
- masking tape & glue (or floral tape)
- many colors and lengths of yarn, string, ribbon, fabric strips, etc.
- decorations such as feathers, flowers with stems, weeds, small flexible branches with leaves
- decorations to tie to loose ends of yarn like beads, shells, or buttons

Process:

1. Start wrapping the stick. An adult can help tie a knot at the beginning or use plenty of masking tape to attach the yarn securely to the stick. If the child would like, one person can hold the stick while the other wraps.
2. Continue wrapping tightly around the stick.
3. Change colors or materials at any time. The new material can be tied to the previous or taped to the stick. Loose ends can be left hanging after being tied off or neatly tucked in. Encourage creativity.
4. As wrapping continues, other decorative items can be tied, taped, glued, or wrapped into the yarn or string. This gives the wrapping unique character.
5. Loose ends can also be decorated with beads, buttons, shells, or any other interesting items.

