

Nature Crafting

Collect leaves, stems, and flowers from your garden or neighborhood, grab your glue, scissors, and paper, and let your creativity be your guide in this fun and eco-friendly art project!



Step 1: Collect!

Explore your yard or neighborhood to gather plant materials that you find on the ground. You are looking for fun colors, different shapes, and interesting textures. You can also use pieces of plants that you know are weeds or have permission to pick. Be careful not to touch plants with sharp leaves or needles and check for insects on your materials before bringing them into your house.

Step 2: Create!

It is so much fun to come back from collecting materials and lay everything out to see what art supplies you have to work with! You can either create your picture by gluing one piece at a time to your paper, or design the entire picture first. Glue sticks work well with small, flat, and lightweight plant pieces. Tacky or school glue works best for the larger leaves and stems. Use a wooden stir stick to help you apply the glue to the leaves. Press lightly for a few seconds to attach to the paper.

Keep your art flat to dry (at least overnight) and check to make sure the pieces are in place before placing the picture upright.

Step 3: Enjoy and display your art!

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