

# Nature Art

## Description

We can use anything to create art, even nature itself! This activity uses natural materials, such as pinecones, twigs, leaves, etc. as painting materials to create a work of art.

**Ages:** 3+

## Materials

- Paint
- Paper
- Paint tray or paper plate
- Paintbrush
- Nature materials (ex. pinecone, leaf, rock, twig, pine needle)

## Preparation

Go outside for a walk and explain to the children that they are going to create a painting but that they are going to need some materials to paint with. Ask them to imagine what natural materials they could use to paint with if they only had paint and paper, but no paintbrush. Look for pinecones, sticks, leaves, rocks, etc. Once they have a selection bring the materials back inside.

## Directions

Set up a paint station and give the children options to experiment and create their masterpiece. For younger children, you can keep the paintbrush hidden at first to encourage them to try painting with the natural materials they



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found. You can also try showing them how to dip their material in paint (or use a paintbrush to paint it) and then press it onto the page to see what pattern it leaves behind. For older children, you can challenge them to paint a nature scene (could even be the view from the window) while only using the natural materials, encouraging them to get creative.

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