

Activity: Environmental Art

Kit needed: Natural materials, camera (optional)

Group/ family size: 1+

Age Group: 2+

Location: Garden or local green space

Learning about textures and shapes of natural materials, environmental artwork and leaving no trace



Instructions:

This activity is inspired by the environmental artist Andy Goldsworthy who specialises in making colourful and striking artwork from natural materials he finds from a natural environment. After creating a piece, he takes a picture and then leaves the piece so that the wind and rain can blow or wash it away leaving no trace that the artwork existed.

As a family group discuss what your favourite animals or natural features are (trees, flowers etc) then go into the woods/ green space and gather some materials to create your artwork.

Then find a clear area on the ground and get creating, remember to use only natural materials (no plastic) so that you can leave your masterpiece to blow away back into nature. Don't forget to take a picture of what you have made.

Additional comments:

This is a great opportunity for children to immerse themselves in nature and explore things by texture.

When you are collecting materials avoid private property/ land unless you have the landowner's permission and watch out for stinging insects, brambles and nettles.