

DIY Combining Nature and Art at Home

While it is recommended for kids and parents to stay home, it may seem hard to find materials to continue crafts and science education. However, there are many crafts that can be made from using materials found in the woods, recycled objects such as plastic bottles, and other things that are around your home. Here are a few craft ideas to keep the creative juices flowing and help keep the Earth healthy!

1. Recycled Plant Containers!
 - a. Recycle by planting in a plastic bottle, can, old show, or teapot to start a new plant!
2. Check out this wonderful [article](#) about recycled art projects! And this [article](#)!
3. [Sun printing!](#)
4. Paint chip nature collage!
 - a. If you have any paint chips on hand, give one to each child. Have them go outside and see/collect what they can find that is of similar color to their paint chip. When they come inside, have them make a collage of their items.
5. Create a picture frame out of sticks or bark!
 - a. Collect sticks or bark outside and glue them together to make a cool frame!
6. Paint animals on rocks! How about a ladybug?



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7. Make a [dreamcatcher!](#)
8. Create a [camouflage trail](#) in your yard!
9. [Nature scavenger hunt!](#)
10. For endless nature and art ideas visit this [page!](#)
11. Come to the Vassar Ecological Preserve and take your kids on our sensory hike! You can download a guide and map on our website under the Resources tab!

https://www.bhg.com/crafts/easy/1-hour-projects/recycled-material-crafts/?slide=slide_faadf33-9680-48d9-8c3a-f0e8dfad8e98#slide_faadf33-9680-48d9-8c3a-f0e8dfad8e98

12. Pressing Plants:

<https://www.proflowers.com/blog/how-to-press-flowers>

<https://compleatnaturalist.com/how-to-press-and-dry-plants/>

Magazine Frame:

<https://www.bhg.com/.../.../recycled-magazine-frame-storage-box/>