

Nature Scavenger Hunt

Find and collect:

1. Three different shaped leaves



2. A smooth stone



3. A rough stone



4. Two small sticks



5. A feather



6. A pinecone or seed pod



7. A piece of bark already on the ground



8. Dry grass or straw



9. A flower that has already fallen



10. An acorn, walnut shell, or other nut shell



11. A small amount of clean soil



12. Something soft



13. Something prickly



14. Something with an interesting smell



15. Something shaped like a letter



16. Something shaped like a heart



17. Something made by an animal



18. Three different natural colors



19. Something that shows signs of weathering



20. Something tiny enough to fit on a thumbnail



Do not collect nests, eggs, living insects, mushrooms, or unknown plants.

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Crafts to Do With What You Find

Use your nature finds to make these:

1 Nature Collage



Glue leaves, grass, flowers, bark, feathers, and seed pods onto cardboard. Arrange them into a nature scene, animal, tree, or person.

2 Stick Picture Frame



Glue four sticks into a square. Decorate with small leaves, shells, seeds, or dried flowers. Add a drawing or photo inside.

3 Pinecone Animals



Use pinecones or seed pods as animal bodies. Add stick legs, leaf ears, paper faces, and cotton tails.

4 Leaf Rubbings



Place leaves beneath paper and rub over them with crayons. Cut the rubbings out and arrange them into a wreath or tree.

5 Nature Paintbrushes



Tie grass, pine needles, feathers, or leafy twigs onto the end of a stick. Dip them in washable paint and compare the patterns.

6 Rock Animals



Wash and dry stones. Paint them as birds, bees, frogs, turtles, or ladybugs.

7 Mud and Straw Mini Bricks



Mix soil, water, and chopped dry grass. Press the mixture into small containers or shape it by hand. Let it dry in the sun, then build a tiny wall or shelter.

8 Bark and Leaf Creatures



Use bark as the body, leaves as wings or ears, seeds as eyes, and sticks as legs. Glue everything onto cardboard.

9 Nature Crown



Cut a strip of cardboard to fit around the child's head. Glue on leaves, feathers, flowers, grass, and seed pods.

10 Nature Mobile



Tie sticks together in a cross shape. Hang feathers, pinecones, leaves, shells, and other lightweight finds with string.

11 Nature Mandala



Arrange stones, leaves, flowers, seeds, and sticks in repeating circles on the ground. Take a picture before returning everything to nature.

12 Tiny Nature Shelter



Build a miniature shelter using bark walls, a leaf roof, stick fencing, stone paths, and grass for landscaping.

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