



With Textures & Shapes

In this activity we want you to explore the different variety of textures and shapes occurring naturally in the great outdoors.

Take your pick from the list of suggested ideas, which may have come from existing resources (e.g. Roundabouts / Handbooks / Badges / GFIs / Octants and other Girlguiding publications) or choose your own activity.

All Age Activities

- > Make rubbings of different shapes and textures in both natural areas and manmade surfaces - bark, leaves, stones, manhole covers etc. Be creative in how you could use these, why not try making your own wrapping paper, cards or decorations with the rubbings from nature.



Rainbow ideas

- > Using natural materials, weave a crown and wear it whilst playing a princess singing game
- > Paint stick creatures that you have made
- > Go on a walk and look for different natural shapes
- > Make a collection of different shaped and coloured stones. Turn them into a mosaic picture
- > Make a collection of spiky things
- > Go on a texture trail and remember to wash your hands afterwards



Brownies

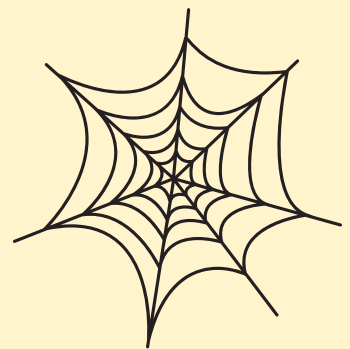
Brownie ideas

- > Close your eyes and feel the different textures of a tree, what are the differences between the bark, leaves and buds?
- > Use your eyes to find as many different patterns in nature amongst the leaves and greenery
- > Look for different trail patterns left by sea birds or other creatures on the beach
- > Find and name flowers with 3, 4 or 5 petals growing in the wild
- > Tell a story that you like by using stick creatures that you have made and painted
- > Weave using sticks and leaves or grasses
- > Make a rock collection
- > Go on a feely walk and notice the different textures and shapes of items you see
- > Follow a string trail laid by your Leaders and find all the unnatural objects which have been placed nearby
- > Collect different shaped leaves and then make them into animals
- > Make a shape on the ground using natural materials

Links/Extensions

Badges:

Wildlife Explorer
Craft



Guide ideas

- > Identify different trees in autumn and winter by the shapes they make against the sky
- > Visit a beach and notice the different colours, patterns and textures in pebbles
- > Touch and feel different types of seaweed, describe their differences
- > Find out how different animals have adapted to ensure their survival
- > Collect samples of unusual patterns from outside e.g. snail shells, footprints, feathers, burrows or nests
- > Make your own wire frames in different shapes and blow bubbles outside
- > Make a nature mobile using different shapes for balance
- > Make a sundial

Guides

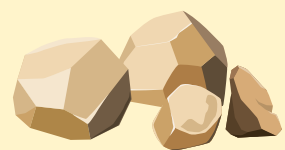
Links/Extensions

Go For It:

Senses
Flights of Fancy

Badges:

Craft



The Senior Section

The Senior Section ideas

- > Make spore prints from fungi which you have collected with the help of an expert
- > Lay a bushes trail outdoors for another section to follow
- > Weave a willow basket



Websites

How to/Activities

- > www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/activities/leader-outside/texture-trail
- > www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Flower-Crown
- > littlegreenfingers.typepad.com/little_green_fingers/2014/10/making-autumn-crowns-with-children.html
- > www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/Create-your-own-stick-creature
- > www.parents.com/fun/activities/outdoor/sticks-stones-outdoor-craft-ideas-for-kids/#page=4 (stick creatures)
- > www.nationaltrail.co.uk/cotswold-way/leaflets (Download Activity sheets for crown, weaving and stick animals)
- > carrotsareorange.com/leaf-activities/ (Leaf animals)
- > www.communityplaythings.co.uk/learning-library/blog/2014/december/finding-patterns-in-nature (Making patterns using natural materials)
- > lusaorganics.typepad.com/clean/2013/08/diy-giant-bubble-wand-tutorial.html (Making large bubbles)
- > www.marthastewart.com/273703/bubble-wands (Wire bubble wands)
- > gagengirls.com/2014/07/craft-lightning-make-a-nature-mobile/
- > otherwiseeducating.blogspot.co.uk/2010/12/sundial.html (Make a sundial)
- > www.mushroomexpert.com/spore_print.html
- > www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Mushroom-Spore-Print
- > www.thriftycraftygirl.com/2011/10/31-days-of-halloween-eyes-in-bushes.html
- > acornpies.blogspot.co.uk/2009/04/how-to-make-little-willow-basket.html



Information Websites

- > www.rspb.org.uk/discoverandenjoynature/families/children/makeanddo/activities/tracks.aspx (Animal tracks)
- > www.discoverwildlife.com/british-wildlife/how-identify-animal-tracks-and-trloails
- > www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/spotting-sheets (flower identification sheets)
- > www.woodlands.co.uk/blog/tree-identification/
- > www.theparkstrust.com/resources/plants-and-trees (download tree identification guide including outlines)

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