



JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE THE WORLD AROUND US TO FIND INSPIRATION IN NATURE TO CREATE WORKS OF ART!

Art is made by using your creativity and imagination to express an idea. It can be anything from a drawing or painting, to a dance, a song or the design of clothing. Inspiration for art is often found in nature. The colors in a sunset, the patterns on a bird feather, the shape of a leaf- all of these things have inspired humans for thousands of years when they have created art. Artists in the past and present also use natural materials, like sand, feathers or leaves, to make their art. There are many things in nature that can inspire us to create something new!

DAY 5:

eARTH CREATIONS

Creating art from natural materials is a popular art form for modern artists and in many cultures of the past and present. Modern artists might make sculptures out of branches or stones to photograph. In many Native American cultures, weaving baskets from natural grasses as well as making pottery from clay are traditional forms of art. In Tibet, monks make beautiful artwork from colored sand. In areas around the Mediterranean, mosaics, or art made from colored stones or tiles, were popular decorations in buildings. There are many natural materials from which to create art!

Before you start, you should have:

- Natural materials such as sticks, fallen leaves, dried grasses, stones, sand, etc.
- Glue or tape
- Optional: paper
- Optional: scissors
- Optional: art supplies like markers, crayons, colored pencils or paints



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Get started:

1. Look at the images of some artworks created from natural materials:

https://farm1.staticflickr.com/135/360601445_d2ee42aa99_z.jpg?zz=1



https://farm3.staticflickr.com/2632/4081365984_9a060d41bd_z.jpg



<https://creativevisualart.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/SurrealNaturalArtInstallationsJaakkoPernu9.jpg?ba64f5>

<https://i.ytimg.com/vi/DPAuvP4bN5E/maxresdefault.jpg>



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2. Think about what kind of art you would like to make. It can be something useful, like a basket or a piece of clothing, or decorative like a mosaic or sculpture.
3. Collect natural materials from outside and any extra art supplies like paper, scissors or paint.
4. Make your piece of art!
5. Share your art with someone and tell them what kinds of natural materials you used.

Keep exploring!

- Try making more than one art piece with different materials.
- Try arranging natural materials in interesting ways and take photos before returning the materials to where you found them.

What did you discover?

Upload a photo or video and tag the Sam Noble Museum on Instagram or Facebook. You can also use the hashtags **#samnoblehome** and **#summerexplorers** to share!

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More information on on natural art:

<https://www.tibettravel.org/tibetan-arts/sand-mandala.html>



<https://mymodernmet.com/how-to-make-a-mosaic/>



<https://blog.kachinahouse.com/basket-weavings-importance-in-native-american-culture/>



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