

## You will need:

Various flowers, leaves, and petals  
Contact Paper  
Hole Punch  
Twigs  
String  
Bag to put nature "treasures"

1. Find leaves, twigs, flowers, and other nature items that can lay flat and place in bag.
  2. Cut some contact paper out. Make it double the length (or width) so that you can just fold it on top of itself when you are done placing your flowers.
  3. Trim the edges of the contact paper.
  4. Use a hole punch to punch holes in each corner of the contact paper. Tie the contact paper onto the twigs using string. Then trim the excess string.
- OTHER OPTIONS:  
Cut the center out of colored paper plates. Use the circle as a frame for the flower art within 2 pieces of contact paper. Hang with string.  
Contact paper individual objects and cut into a shape of your choice, or around the edges of the object. Hole punch the top and hang like ornaments.

This project was found at:

<https://www.icanteachmychild.com/spring-suncatchers/>



### FAIRY SOUP

Fill up a large stock pot with water outdoors. Add food coloring. Let children add glitter. Give each child a soup bowl. Find flowers, shells, stones, and leaves. Let children pull off or cut with scissors the petals, stems, leaves, grass. Offer a large spoon or ladle to stir the pot and pour into individual bowls. Allow them to play around with the ingredients, change the water's color, and offer suggestions like:

Let's sort out the stones/shells

What else could we use to scoop with?

Can we sort the flowers by color into the smaller bowls?

How do we measure liquids?

<https://happyhooligans.ca/fairy-soup/>

### WAND

Wind sticky tape (back side of duct tape or double-sided tape) around the top half of a stick.

Search for nature treasures like feathers, leaves, flowers, grass, small stones, etc.

After your child enjoys playing with the wand, save it to display in an eye-catching container.

<https://www.sunhatsandwellieboots.com/2012/04/nature-wands.html>



## EGGSHELL HERB GARDEN

#### Supplies Needed:

- Eggs
- Egg Carton
- Potting Soil
- Seeds
- Spoon
- Anti-bacterial wipes (natural based if you prefer) and multi-purpose cleaner

Start with empty eggshells that have been rinsed out and allow them to dry a few days. Allow children to fill halfway with potting soil. Place a pinch of seeds in each eggshell and top off with more topsoil until eggshells are 3/4 full. Wipe off any excess soil and place the eggshells back into the egg carton. Each eggshell gets a soda cap of water to get the seeds started. It takes about two weeks for sprouts to emerge.

Popular herbs to try: cilantro, chives, mint, rosemary, basil, parsley, dill, oregano, sage, thyme

This project can be found at:

<https://www.homemadeinterest.com/earth-day-project-how-to-make-an-egg-herb-garden/>

## SUPPLIES

Plastic lids (from containers) or sturdy plastic/paper plates/bowls or pie plates  
Twine or yarn (easier to thread)  
Pony beads  
Fresh fruit (very ripe)  
Hole punch

- 1) Punch 4 holes in plastic lid, plate, bowl, or pie plate. Tie one end of each strand of yarn between the hole and the edge of lid.
- 2) Thread beads onto the yarn to help weigh down the feeder.
- 3) Tie the 4 pieces of yarn together at the top.
- 4) Carefully place fruit on top of the lid. Make sure when you lift the finished feeder that it is balanced. You may have to add or remove fruit.
- 5) Find a place to hang outdoors and watch for butterflies!

Find this project at:

<https://teaching2and3yearolds.com/how-to-make-an-easy-butterfly-feeder-for-a-spring-science-activity/>



**BUTTERFLY FEEDER**  
HANDS-ON SCIENCE FOR KIDS

## Bluebird Houses



1. Start off by taking out old barn wood and cutting them down to birdhouse size. Bluebirds like nesting in bird houses in natural tones.
2. Once all the side pieces were cut, pre-assemble the bird houses to make sure everything fit together nicely.
3. Next it was time to pre-drill holes (pilot holes) with the drill press in order to assemble the bird houses with screws.
4. Once the sides and the bottoms were attached, use the drill press to drill holes for the bluebirds to enter the bird houses.
5. Cut pieces of wood to make the roofs. Once the pieces were cut, they drilled pilot holes in order to attach the roofs onto the bird houses.
6. Drill a little hole at the top in order to easily screw it onto a fence post or tree.

<https://thediycrafter.com/diy/building-bluebird-bird-houses/>

## What's Needed

**2 cups *birdseed***

**2/3 cup *water***

**2 packets of  
*unflavored gelatin***

**4 *apples***

**8 *small screws*  
*twine***



## Homemade Apple Bird Feeders

Naturalbeachliving.com



## Directions

- 1) **Bring water to boil, add gelatin, and stir until completely dissolved.**
- 2) **Mix the birdseed into this mixture.**
- 3) **Cut the apples in half lengthwise and hollow out the insides with a spoon or knife.**
- 4) **Fill each apple with birdseed mixture, set on a sheet pan, and put in the fridge for 102 hours until firm.**
- 5) **Poke a screw into the top of each apple and tie a piece of twine to it.**
- 6) **Hang outside for all the birds to enjoy!**

This project can be found at:

<https://www.naturalbeachliving.com/apple-birdseed-homemade-bird-feeders-kids/>

### YOU WILL NEED:

3-4 Packages of Flower Seeds

3 Sheets of construction paper (blue, green, white)

Food Processor

Scissors

Water

3 Small Containers

Baking Sheet and Parchment Paper (drying)

1. Cut construction paper into one-inch squares & place each color in a separate container.
2. Add water to each. Be sure to cover and soak all paper for 20 minutes.
3. Take the first container and squeeze out excess water. Place in food processor and pulse until the paper becomes pulp. Take out and repeat with remaining colors.
4. Divide the packages of seeds between the 3 containers gently mixing them into the pulp.
5. Take a bit of color from each and form into a ball. Then place on a parchment lined baking tray. Leave overnight.
6. Once dry, toss into your favorite flower pot or garden plot (dig hole).

\*Great gifts for family and friends!\*

Find this project at:

<https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/make-seed-bombs-earth-day-activity/>



## DIY SEED BOMBS

EARTH DAY/ SPRING SCIENCE



LITTLE BINS  
BY LITTLE HANDS

scissors.

2. Poke a few holes in the bottom of the container for drainage.
3. Add a layer of rocks to help with drainage. {We didn't have enough rocks for all of the planters, so we skipped this step. Our plants are growing fine and the containers seem to be draining well without using the rocks. Sometimes the drainage holes can be blocked by the soil. The layer of rocks helps prevent the blockage.}
4. Add some soil to the container.
5. Place your plant into the container.
6. Add soil around the plant.
7. Decorate the top of the soil with painted rocks, sticks, shells, etc.
8. Water the plant thoroughly.

Find this project at:

<https://inspirationlaboratories.com/make-a-milk-jug-planter/>



An adult will need to cut the plastic, but kids can help with the planting and decorating.



Ingredients:

- 2 cups all purpose Flour
- 1 cup Salt
- 2 Tbsp. Cream of Tartar
- 3 Tbsp. cooking oil (we use Coconut oil)
- 3 drops of Lavender essential oil
- Optional food colors
- Optional fresh lavender

**Mix all of the above ingredients together**

Slowly add in 1 1/2 cups of very hot (almost boiling) WATER (adult job)

Stir it until it forms a ball easily

Let it sit and cool for 5 minutes before play.

Optional: now add the fresh lavender



Find this project at:

<https://www.naturalbeachliving.com/natural-lavender-kids-play-dough-recipe/>

## OUTDOOR CLOCK WITH NATURAL MATERIALS

Collect 12 rocks and use a Sharpie marker to write numbers 1-12.

Encourage child to recall the placement of numbers on a clock and duplicate it.

Talk about the hands of the clock (2 sticks, one shorter than the other) and what makes them different. Refer to them as the minute hand and hour hand.

Add 12 smaller pebbles to represent the minutes (increments of 5).

Explore various times; half hour, quarter 'til, on the hour or o'clock, and other terms.

Drill different times to practice understanding.

Find this project at:

<https://www.sunhatsandwellieboots.com/2013/11/telling-time-outdoor-clock-made-with.html>



### Shamrock Sprouts:

- A household sponge (we choose green sponges)
- Seed packet (we used lettuce, spinach, broccoli, chia seeds)
- A water mister
- Shallow plate

Trace a shamrock onto a sponge with a Sharpie pen (easier to cut when wet).

Soak the sponge once again; damp but not dripping.

Scatter seeds across the top, gently poking into the holes.

Place in a sunny window on a plate.

Keep moist by misting with water. DON'T let the seeds dry out.

Hint: Keep in a clear plastic container with lid at night. Open during the day to mist, or if you prefer, keep in container. Additional misting should not be necessary once closed.

Sprouts should appear in 1-2 weeks.



