

Simple Crafts for Stay-at-Home Time!

Now that the leaves are falling, it is time to make leaf and twig art! Go on an outdoor adventure to collect supplies (twigs, leaves, pine cones, and rocks), then go home and make cool creations!



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Ladybugs and Bumblebees



COLLECT: at least 8 round rocks, 4 long sticks

- Arrange the sticks into a tic-tac-toe board.
- Paint at least 4 ladybug rocks and 4 bumblebee rocks. Play on a picnic table, at the beach, or on the grass. Try to get 3 in a row!



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Picture This!

COLLECT: leaves in different shapes, 2 pairs of sticks for each frame



- To make the leaf prints: cover your work surface with newspaper, flatten out a leaf (veiny side up), and paint it. Next, press the leaf (painted side down) onto a piece of paper. Lift the leaf slowly to reveal your masterpiece.
- To make the frame: break the sticks so they form the right size frame for your paper. Glue the ends together. When the frame and leaf print are dry, glue the corners of the print to the frame. Make stick frames for photos and other art projects too.



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Whooo's Crafty?

COLLECT: large pinecones, milkweed pod, acorn caps

- Use a large, round pinecone for the owl's body. Use a second, smaller pinecone for its head. Glue the pinecones together.
- Break off 2 pinecone scales for ears and glue into place.
- Glue on 2 acorn caps for eyes.
- Gently tear off 2 strips of the milkweed pod and glue the edges to the pinecone for the owl's wings.
- Break off 3 large pinecone scales. Glue on 2 scales for the feet and 1 for the nose.



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