



Short Activity
Ages 0–3
20 minutes

Tabletop Nature Mural

Description

Create a nature-themed mural using a variety of materials.

Competencies

- Teamwork
- Creative and imaginative thinking
- Development of fine motor skills
- Planning skills
- Social interaction

Materials

- Cutouts from discarded magazines with nature pictures
- Cutouts of various shapes from coloured paper (e.g. leaves, trees, etc.)
- Kraft paper roll or large poster paper
- Crayons
- Markers
- Coloured paper
- Glue
- Optional: leaves and grass
- Optional: stickers (use TD SRC stickers from a previous year if desired)

Preparation

- Prepare the room for a program that uses glue
- Line the tables or floor with a long kraft paper roll for a large group mural, or small poster paper or Bristol boards for a smaller groups
- Optional: On the paper, draw a few pencil outlines of trees or other objects in the natural world for kids to add to
- Cut out a variety of nature scenes and animals from discarded magazines or from printouts
- Cut out of a variety of shapes in a variety of colours for kids to glue onto the mural (for example, kids can combine green triangles with brown rectangles to make trees)
- Provide stickers, if you have any available that would fit with the theme of the mural (animals, nature scenes, etc.)

Implementation

1. Caregivers and staff assist children with adding to the mural in various ways using crayons or markers, placing stickers, and gluing on various cutouts and nature scenes—there is no wrong way to add to the mural!
2. You can provide a specific theme for the mural, if desired (for example, a rainforest theme) or just let the kids and caregivers work away on their portion of the mural as they see fit!
3. Optional: Hang the mural somewhere in the library or the program room for kids to see their creation

Book Suggestions

Carson Crosses Canada by Linda Bailey

Explorers of the Wild by Cale Atkinson

I Give You the World by Stacey McCleary

Life by Cynthia Rylant

Splish, Splash, Foxes Dash! by Geraldo Valério

Thank You, Earth by April Pulley Sayre

A Walk in the Forest by Maria Dek

You Are Never Alone by Elin Kelsey

Images and Templates

