

Tree Mural

Create a tree mural using nature items!



See next page for our homemade glue recipe



What to do:

1. Get a basket or bucket and venture outside to collect leaves, small sticks, bark and flowers

2. Draw a tree trunk on:

- + A large piece of cardboard
- + An old sheet or material
- + Thick paper or several sheets stuck together
- + Newspaper



3. Create and decorate! Stick* leaves around the top to make an amazing tree. Stick bark, twigs or grass to the trunk of your tree.

PLAYGROUP INSPIRATION

- + As a group you can create a forest
- + This is a great activity to do as you can talk about the seasons and the changing colours of the leaves on the trees in your area.
- + This activity also provides a lot of opportunities to have conversations about the size and shapes of leaves, important early math concepts.

How many leaves are on your tree?

What shapes can you see?



+ Find a spot to hang your tree at home or make a art display at playgroup.

DEVELOPMENTAL AREAS:

COGNITIVE - FINE MOTOR - SPEECH - EMOTIONAL - SOCIAL



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BABIES



Collect leaves for babies to touch, grab and explore

Sit with your baby and enjoy exploring these leaves together

You can talk to your baby about what sound they are making when scrunched up and how they feel

Are the leaves rough, smooth or bumpy?

LET'S EXPLORE!

Take a walk outside and talk about:

What can you see?

What colours are the leaves?

What shape are the leaves?

Collect items to take home and let your child explore them in their own time

Homemade Glue

What you need:

- + 1 cup cornflour
- + 1 tablespoon of white vinegar
- + 2 teaspoons of salt
- + 4 cups of hot water

Method:

- + Place all into a saucepan and mix well
- + Bring the mixture to the boil - it will thicken and turn translucent within minutes
- + Once the mixture is translucent you may take it off the heat to cool

This glue is safe for children and keeps for months in the fridge

