

## Collaging Nature Activity For Children Aged Birth to 2

<p><b>Activity Type:</b> Collaging using natural materials</p>	<p><b>Appropriate Age Group:</b> Birth to 2 years</p>
<p><b>Activity Summary:</b> The activity is to create a collage using a range of familiar objects that are apart of nature.</p>	
<p><b>Materials needed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Craft glue</li> <li>- Container (for the glue)</li> <li>- Newspaper</li> <li>- Paint brushes (thick)</li> <li>- A range of leaves, flowers and twigs</li> <li>- A4 piece of paper (1 per child)</li> <li>- A black marker</li> <li>- Art smock</li> </ul>	<p><b>Time:</b> As much as the child needs (Average 5-7 minutes per child if limited for time).</p> <p><b>Environment:</b> Indoors, at a small table with chairs</p> <p><b>How many children can partake in this activity at a time?</b> 1 – 2 children at a time</p> <p><b>Mess Factor:</b> 5/10</p>
<p><b>What you need to prepare before the activity:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Collect a variety of small leaves, flowers and twigs (enough for the amount of children. Average 7 materials each. You could also collect these with 2-3 kids from the front garden or a nearby park. It is up to you.)</li> <li>- Prepare craft glue into a small container. Do not fill the container.</li> <li>- Place a page of newspaper on the table.</li> <li>- Place one template on the newspaper at a time (to ensure one child completes the activity at a time).</li> <li>- Place one thick paintbrush on the table next to the template and the glue above the template on the table.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Instructions for the activity:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Put the art smock on the child.</li> <li>2. Get the child to sit down at the table where the A4 paper is.</li> <li>3. Guide the child to glue and stick the materials onto the paper.</li> <li>4. Give them time to complete this activity.</li> <li>5. Ask them if they are finished when you think they are.</li> <li>6. Write their name on the top of the sheet with the marker.</li> <li>7. Place it somewhere high and out of reach by the children to dry.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Linking the activity to the early learning years framework:</b></p> <p>The activity above can be linked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Outcome 1.2: Children have a strong sense of identity: Children develop their emerging autonomy, inter-dependence, resilience and sense of agency.</b></li> <li>- <b>Outcome 5.4: Children are effective communicators: Children begin to understand how symbols and pattern systems work.</b></li> <li>- These outcomes are focused on throughout this activity. As children enjoy to experiment, explore and investigate with a range of materials when they are participating in art activities. This is because they are developing new skills and enhancing their current ones. This activity also encourages children to create while using their imagination gives them the freedom to be inspired to create something from their perspective. While using their imagination, they create artwork using a variety of natural materials. This is important as the children can connect to the environment as well as discover and explore with a range of new and familiar objects.</li> </ul>	

## Collaging Nature Activity For Children Aged Birth to 4

### **Open-ended Questions to ask the children:**

- What have you created/made?
- Why did you put this 'leaf' here? (Replace leaf with any item)
- What colours do you like that you used? Why?
- Do you want to use a different material? Where can you put this?