

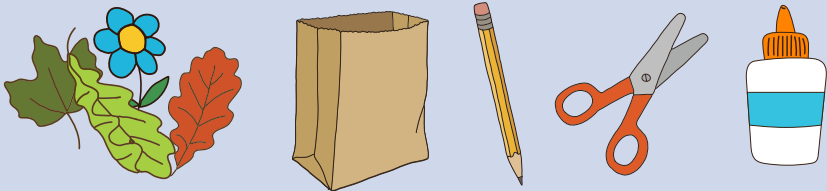
NATURE COLLAGE PORTRAIT

Have fun Playing with a Purpose together, collecting, sorting, and using objects found in nature to create a collage self-portrait. Leaves, flowers, small stones, and other objects make great tools to promote creativity! Once your child has created their own portrait, you can create portraits of friends and family members, too.

Collage is the technique of putting various pieces of paper or other objects together to create a work of art.

What you'll need:

- Leaves, flowers, small stones, and other nature objects
- Brown paper bag or cardboard box
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue



INSTRUCTIONS FOR CAREGIVER AND CHILD:

1. With your child, go outside and collect various natural materials like leaves, flowers, and small stones. Use this opportunity to talk with your child about colors and shapes that you find.
2. Next, help your child lightly draw a large oval on the brown paper bag or cardboard box with a pencil. Guide them to draw circles for the eyes, a triangle for the nose, and a U-shape for the mouth.
3. Cut out the oval face shape. If your child can cut by themselves, ask them to practice their scissor skills by cutting out the oval shape. If they are not ready to use scissors, you can hold their hand and cut the face shape together.
4. Place glue on the eyes and ask your child to choose leaves, flowers, and small stones to place on top. Once they have finished, move on to another part of the face. Encourage your child to finish off the portrait with hair and other decorations like bowties, jewelry, and hair ornaments.
5. Display your work of art at home or give to a neighbor or friend!



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Making crafts and doing activities is always fun! But remember, **Playing With a Purpose** is being actively engaged in your child's play. These activities are intended to enjoy together at the same time you ensure your child's safety and offer help as needed.