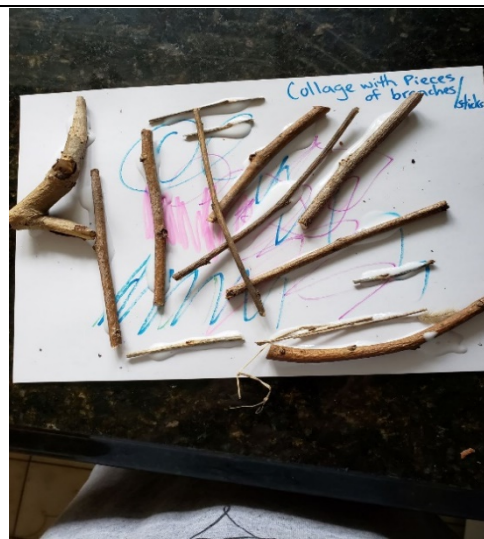


Title: Branch Collage from Nature Walk

Age Group: Toddler/Preschool

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Type of Activity: Nature Observation / Art

Materials:

- Twigs or sticks from a tree, or from the ground
- Glue bottle and/or small container with glue and stick (for younger children)
- Bristol board or cut up piece from cardboard box or construction paper
- Markers or crayons

How to Do It:

- On a nature walk*, or in your neighbourhood, look for twigs and sticks to collect
 - When you get home, let your child use the sticks, paper, markers and glue to make a collage
- *(Remember to practice physical distancing when you're out. If you are concerned about germs on the sticks, you can put them in a pillowcase or tie them up in a towel and dry them on high in the dryer for 20 minutes)

Root Skill / Extension:

This activity encourages children to practice observational skills as well as the fine motor skills needed to organize and paste the branches.

Extend the learning: Children can count and sort lengths while they do this activity, or build shapes, like a house, for their picture. They can also make a pattern with the sticks. Eg. Small sticks, big sticks, small sticks, etc. Ask the child open-ended questions like: "How many sticks do you have? What other patterns can you make?"