

Green Thumbs At Home

Ages 2-7

At Home With SICM is now celebrating our summer camps! This week we were inspired by our Green Thumb camp. We hope your family enjoys doing these outdoor activities together!

Touch

Leaf Rubbings

You can create beautiful leaf pictures using an assortment of leaves and materials!

Materials:

Watercolor/food dye
Assortment of paper
Crayons
Assortment of leaves

Objective:

Go on a nature walk around your neighborhood or park (be sure to follow social distancing guidelines!) and collect as many different types of leaves, rocks, and pebbles you can find. Try to choose a variety of shapes, sizes, and textures but be sure to get one large rock. When you're done collecting, gather all the leaves (you will use the rocks and pebbles for another project!) Place the leaves under the paper. You can arrange them to make a pattern or design, or scatter them for something more abstract. Next use your crayons to rub over the leaves. Experiment with pressure. What happens when you press harder on the paper? What does it look like when you lightly scribble? Observe the differences between how the leaves feel and the imprint they leave.

When you are done making the prints, paint over the entire paper with your favorite watercolors. Let dry and it's ready to be hung!

Scene Of The Vine

The house down the street is under wraps
With hazard suits milling in its flaps

The one with the garden most luscious
Now being trampled beneath all the ruckus

The lady with the green thumb it's suggested
Has been by her Venus Fly Trap ingested

-Unknown

Create

Pebble Mosaics

What is a Mosaic? A mosaic is a pattern or image made up out of small natural materials usually stone or glass. The oldest mosaics were found in Mesopotamian temples dating back to the 3rd millennium BC.

Materials:

☒ Large stone
☒ Small pebbles or seashells
☒ Pencil
☒ Liquid glue or tacky glue

Objective:

Gather the rocks and pebbles you collected on your nature walk. Collect a large rock or several and plenty of small pebbles. Once you are back home wash and dry your findings. Draw a picture or pattern on your large rock with your pencil or a marker. Squeeze a line of glue on part of the picture. Start adding a line of pebbles into the glue so they touch each other. Use a little glue at a time so it doesn't dry before you place all of your pebbles. When you are finished with your image, begin filling in the background. Try to use different colors so the image stands out well.

Search

Nature Scavenger Hunt

What better way to become one with nature than to explore it! On your next visit to the park or on a picnic create your own scavenger hunt to bring along. Here are some ideas for your scavenger hunt!

A flying insect

A type of flower

Animal tracks

A source of running water

Dirt

A Crawling Insect

A stick

A type of leaf

A bird's nest

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