

Nature Color Hunt



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Explore your yard to find colorful treasures.

Duration

Preparation: 10 minutes

Activity: 15 – 30 minutes

Supplies

- Paint swatches, colored paper, or magazines
- Tape
- Baking sheet or hard flat surface

Background

At first glance you might think your yard or a nearby natural space is only filled with greens and browns. But with closer inspection, you can find an abundance of color in your yard throughout the seasons – red and yellow leaves that have fallen in cooler temperatures to blooming pink and white spring flowers. Exploring this space or a nearby natural area is a great way to build your child’s skill in correctly identifying colors and sorting them into categories. Searching and sorting is also an opportunity to focus on your child’s observation and investigative skills as they are beginning to explore their natural world.

Instructions

1. Collect paint swatches, colored paper, or magazines to find various colors.
2. Cut and tape colors into a baking sheet or other surface.
3. Search your yard for items that match those colors and create a collection of as many items as you can.

Extension

Try this activity using a different focus such as looking for various shapes (circle, rectangle, square, oval) or textures (smooth, rough, hard, soft).

