

Nature Walk Bracelet



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A way to collect the treasures that young people find outside.

Duration

Preparation: 2 minutes

Activity: 30 minutes

Supplies

- Wide Packing Tape
- Outdoor space
- If you want to save the bracelet:
 - Hole punch
 - String

Background

Nature is full of beautiful and interesting things, and young children seem to be experts at finding them. Building these bracelets allows them to carry their own treasures while considering characteristics of the items they find. Encourage older children to limit items that are still growing or alive in favor of items that are not, such as small pieces of gravel, mulch, and fallen pine needles or leaves. Try suggesting that you leave things that are still “attached.”

Instructions

1. Wrap a piece of wide tape *sticky side out* loosely around the child’s wrist.
2. Head outside! Visit your yard, walk around the neighborhood, or check out a park or nature area.
3. Show the child how small objects can stick to their bracelet.
4. Discuss what they find and any difficulties they encounter. Some things, like rocks, will be too heavy to stick to the tape.
5. Carefully cut through the bracelet to remove it. If you want to save the bracelet, wrap another piece of clear tape, sticky side down, over top, sealing in the finds.
6. Punch a hole in each end of the bracelet and thread a piece of string through to fasten it next time the child wants to wear it.

Vocabulary

Talk about the colors and shapes they find, and with older children, ask about why they choose those items.

Extension

If you aren’t sure what something is, try an identification app like iNaturalist.