

Twig art frames and twig weaving

Inspire outdoor learning and play with these outdoor activity ideas for your nursery children.

Learning aims

- Mathematical Development
- Expressive Arts and Design
- Communication and Language
- PSED
- Physical Development
- Understanding the World
- Literacy.



Resources

- A range of twigs to make different sized art frames
- String and scissors
- Access to a range of natural materials
- Camera to record children's artwork.

Activity Outline

Take children on a nature walk and collect a range of twigs and sticks to use for these activities.

To make the Twig Art Frames:

- Choose twigs of a similar length to make the size of frame you wish to create
- Lay the twigs in the square/rectangle shape you require, overlapping the edges
- Use the string to secure the twigs together and tie off each end
- Encourage the children to choose a frame and to use the frame to create some natural artwork using leaves, flowers, conkers, pine cones etc
- Once each child has created their natural artwork in the frame, take a photograph to record their creations.

To make the Twig Weaving:

- Choose a shape you wish to create e.g. circles/rectangles/triangles and use the twigs to create, it for the basic shape of your loom
- Tie the twigs together with string so you have a firm base for your weaving
- Tie the string around one of your stick joints and begin the wrapping process
 - Tie each piece of string around twice to prevent it from slipping on the stick
 - Leave a small space between each row of string for children to weave their objects through
 - Continue wrapping across your shape until you have a nice even weaving effect
- Encourage children to explore the environment for natural resources to use for weaving e.g. grasses, feathers, flowers, leaves, seedpods, nuts, bark etc.

