

Making Guide: Nature Explorations

Here is a selection of activities you can explore with your own nature box collection:

Sticky drawings:

1. Mount a sheet of sticky back plastic onto card, sticky side up. Masking tape is useful for fixing the back.
2. Play around making arrangements with your objects on the sticky surface.
3. You could make drawings or add images to your sticky drawing collage.



Making your nature collection!



Seed bombs:



1. Soak your ripped up recycled paper in a bowl of water for a couple of hours / overnight.



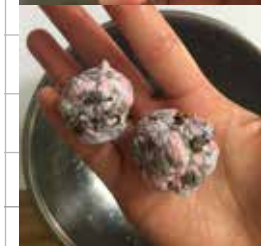
2. Once mashed up (by hand or by blender), sieve the mixture into another bowl, squeezing the water out.



3. Sprinkle your seeds into your mixture.



4. Shape into balls or press into packaging or cookie cutters for shapes.



5. Leave to dry and release outdoors when you are ready. Once dry, they can be kept for up to 6 months.

Small worlds:

1. Fill your container with a base material (soil, sand, grains, dry rice, spices, dried petals...).
2. Arrange your objects, creating a mini landscape. Perhaps it is a replica of somewhere you know or somewhere from your imagination. Play with and look after it.

1. Find a container and go exploring to find natural objects. You could explore indoors and outdoors: a park, balcony, garden or beach. Be mindful and stay safe when choosing objects.
2. Arrange your collection in your container, you could design a system, categories or a theme.



More ideas...

- Try making wax crayon rubbings with your collections. How many textures and patterns can you create?
- Using salt dough (a recipe can be found in the previous #MakeShiftStudio workshop 'Dough') make impressions with your pieces.
- Create a sketchbook from the previous #MakeShiftStudio workshop 'Sketchbooks' and draw your nature pieces