

Painting with Nature

PBS Resources

Science Crafts for Kids: Paint with Nature | Nature Cat
Get outside and have fun with Nature Cat by using natural objects (leaves, flowers, or anything else!) as brushes or stamps to paint creative art projects.

pbslearningmedia.org/resource/paint-with-nature/nature-cat/



Check out more fun DIY nature art activities from Nature Cat!

pbskids.org/naturecat/diy/diy.html



Extend the moment

- Ask your child to use their senses when they are outside creating art: How do the materials feel? How do they smell? Do they smell differently?
- Why do you think it is important to use materials in our art that won't hurt our world? Make a list of materials that are good and bad for the environment.
- Make a list with your child of why things found in nature are good to use in outdoor art projects (beautiful, colorful, has texture, easy to find, inexpensive, doesn't hurt the environment)
- Try water painting at different times of the day. Encourage your child to guess how long it will last before disappearing. Put it to the test!
- Try adding other items you find in nature to your paintings. Example: use a pinecone for the body and use water to finish off a picture of a fish. Or collect some leaves to use as ears for a face you paint with water.