

# DIY Nature Collage

Let's bring the beauty of the outdoors inside with a DIY nature collage! This fun and creative project is perfect for kids and adults to explore nature and make something unique. Using leaves, sticks, flowers, and anything else you can find, you'll create a one-of-a-kind collage that celebrates the textures and colors of the natural world. Whether it's a piece of art for your wall or a fun nature journal cover, this craft is a wonderful way to bond with nature and get creative!



## Materials List:

- **A sturdy piece of cardboard or thick paper** (this will be the base of your collage)
- **Leaves** (all shapes, sizes, and colors—fresh or dried!)
- **Flowers** (pressed, dried, or fresh ones from your garden or a nature walk)
- **Small sticks or twigs** (to add texture and structure)
- **Grass, pine needles, or bark** (for extra nature details)
- **Glue** (white craft glue works great)
- **Scissors** (for trimming your materials)
- **Paints or markers** (optional, to add more color or background details)
- **Mod Podge or clear sealer** (to protect your collage when you're finished)
- **Googly eyes, beads, or buttons** (optional for fun decorative touches)

## **Instructions:**

1. **Go on a Nature Hunt:** Take a walk outside to collect leaves, flowers, sticks, and other natural materials. Look for interesting shapes, colors, and textures. You can also gather bits of bark, pine needles, or small rocks!
2. **Prepare Your Base:** Choose a sturdy piece of cardboard or thick paper as the base for your collage. If you like, you can paint or color the background first to add extra depth.
3. **Arrange Your Nature Finds:** Lay out your leaves, sticks, and flowers on the base to create your design. You can make anything from abstract art to a landscape scene—get creative! Play around with the placement before gluing anything down.
4. **Glue It Down:** Once you're happy with your design, start gluing your natural materials onto the base. Use white craft glue and apply it generously to ensure your pieces stay put. For heavier items like sticks, you might need a little extra glue.
5. **Add Extra Details:** You can add fun accents like googly eyes or beads to turn your leaves into creatures, or use paint and markers to draw details like sun, clouds, or other background elements. The possibilities are endless!
6. **Seal It Up:** Once everything is glued and dry, brush a thin layer of Mod Podge or clear sealer over the entire collage to protect it. This will help your creation last longer, especially if you're using delicate flowers or leaves.
7. **Display Your Masterpiece:** Hang your nature collage on the wall, display it on a shelf, or use it as a beautiful, earthy journal cover. It's a wonderful way to celebrate your time in nature and show off your creativity!

### **Craft Bonus: Add Some Flair!**

Want to make your nature collage even more dynamic? Try adding other materials like feathers, acorns, or seashells for a multi-textured effect. You could also incorporate colored paper or fabric scraps to make the colors of your nature finds pop! For a seasonal twist, create collages for different times of the year—think rich fall leaves, spring blossoms, or summer wildflowers.