



# THE SPARK'S CREATIVE LEARNING TOOLKIT



## DISCOVER... NATURE **BITESIZE EDITION**

This menu of learning resources has been handpicked to give you an idea of how the full Toolkit can be used as a pick n mix to create a full learning opportunity to discover different art forms, artists to support you to have fun, creative adventures with your child/ren

These activities are from the **DISCOVER... NATURE** section of [The Spark's Creative Learning Toolkit](#)

### Inspiration

The resource below is to be used as inspiration to introduce the sort of artwork you might produce when using the resources that follow...



Art

#### Land Art for Kids – How to do Land Art ([resource](#))

A step by step resource explaining in simple terms what land art is and how to do it - EXPLORE your natural surroundings, COLLECT natural resources (leaves, pine cones, twigs, petals) and USE these to create patterns

### Short warm up activity

This activity is intended to set the scene for a longer task and should be used as a tool to inspire discussion around the key themes. This activity is intended to last 15 minutes or less...



Craft

#### Simple Leaf Rubbing ([resource](#))

A simple activity to explore leaves of different shapes and size, using wax crayons and plain paper. Explore shape, size, texture and colour and encourage experimentation with creating patterns and layering

## Medium Length Activity

An explorative activity to support learning about using natural materials to create creative tools / artwork and exploring the work of famous artists. This activity can last between 30mins – 2 hours, depending on the depth of exploration...



Art

### **Make Mandalas** ([resource](#))

Using natural resources to create circular patterns – you can use leaves, stones, shells, petals, sand, sticks... If outdoor space is tricky and you can't make a large artwork on the floor, you could do smaller versions on a tuff tray or table top

## Longer Project

Intended to use the skills learnt from the shorter activities to develop a bigger piece of work, bringing lots of ideas together, to create land art. This could be used to let the children do a final presentation or exhibition to share what they have discovered about nature and land art



Art

### **Create your own piece of Land Art**

Using the techniques learnt through doing the other activities, set children a challenge to design and create their own piece of land art. It can be big or small, outside or inside, as long as natural materials are used. Start with talking about the different natural materials you have explored, look back at the 'Inspiration' resource to help refresh thinking and then talk about and sketch out ideas to help plan what is needed to make the final artwork and to give an idea of what it might look like

We hope you find this Creative Learning Toolkit useful and would  
**LOVE** to see what you produce!

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email [nicola@thesparkarts.co.uk](mailto:nicola@thesparkarts.co.uk) with any feedback you have...

**THANK YOU AND KEEP CREATING!**

