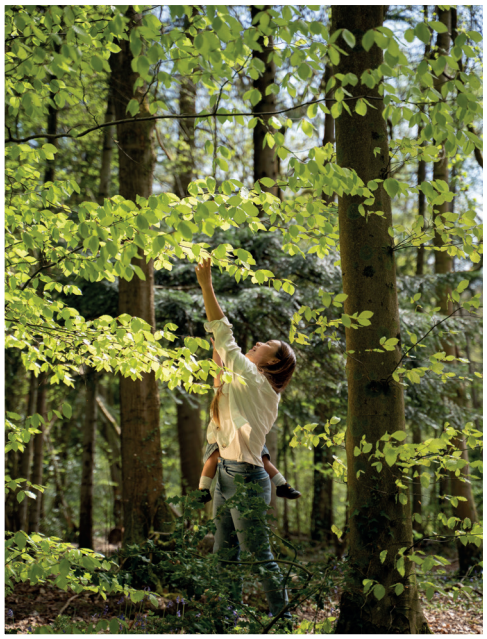
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Nature's beauty

Remember
Please care for the forest and do not pick living plants

Artists often find inspiration in the natural world, including forests. They interact with nature using their senses and incorporate what they see, hear and touch into their works of art.



Before taking part in our activities take a moment to notice the beauty of nature. Have a go at:

- Walking slowly in nature and observing what's around you.
- Standing or sitting still and listening.
- Taking a closer look - really zooming in and noting the different patterns and textures.

A forest collage

Create a collage by combining small objects or materials to make one large piece. Have a go at our forest collage activities.

1. Collect lots of different leaves.
2. Push leaf litter on the forest floor to one side to create a clear area.
3. Place the leaves on the ground in a pattern or create a picture by framing with sticks.



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Experiment with natural materials

There are lots of ways to make collages...you could:

- Experiment using different items from the forest floor, such as seeds and cones.
- Collect leaves and make paint prints.
- Take rubbings of different bark patterns.
- Take photos of leaves or trees and make a digital collage.



Tree identification

Leaves come in all shapes, sizes and textures and are a great way to help identify trees.
Can you identify any trees from the leaves you found?


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Did you know?

Breathing in the natural smells of a pine forest can help us stay healthy. Terpenes, the phytochemical made in conifers, can calm our minds and even cure illness.

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