

Get active!

Show Your Tree Stuff

Kids love to collect stuff, so have them collect tree stuff and use it in a project. A Tree Stuff project offers lots of options:

- Collect stuff during a class Walkabout Adventure or Field Trip, or have students bring in stuff from home.
- Assemble collages or scrapbooks. Use them as a reference tool for Project Plant It! lessons.
- Build dioramas or structures like buildings, teepees or bridges.
- Create as individuals, teams or a class.
- Complete it in one day or over a period of time.
- Display the finished projects in your school.

Tree Stuff

The worksheet tells the students what kinds of tree stuff to gather:

- Pictures of trees and tree products – from cut-up magazines, downloads from the internet
- Tree pieces – twigs, bark, leaves, needles, wood, nuts, cones, bark rubbings
- Other items
 - Draw a map of the school grounds showing its trees
 - Keep handouts from a field trip
 - Take photos during a field trip

Materials

- Posterboard for collages, construction paper for scrapbooks, shoeboxes for dioramas
- Crayons, paints, marking pens
- Glue, staplers, scissors



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Here are some ideas of things you may collect:

Pictures of Trees:

- Trees
- Branches
- Leaves
- Fruits
- Flowers
- Nuts
- Trees in different seasons
- Forests
- Products from trees

Pieces of Trees:

- Twigs
- Bark and bark rubbings
- Leaves and needles
- Wood
- Nuts
- Cones

Products from Trees:

- Paper
- Lincoln Logs, blocks
- Charcoal
- Chopsticks
- Baseball bats
- Musical instruments
- Toothpicks
- Lumber
- Rubber
- Sawdust, mulch
- Wooden cooking utensils

Special Stuff

- Photo of a tree in your yard or school
- Map – show where the trees are at home or school
- Have you visited a place that had a lot of trees – like a state park or garden? Bring in a brochure.

Make a Bark Rubbing

You need:

- Heavy piece of paper
- Crayon

Hold the paper against a tree trunk. Rub the crayon lengthwise lightly back and forth on the paper. The raised parts of the bark will make a mark on your paper!