

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY: Nature Texture Plate

Discover the many different patterns and textures of the natural world by making your own texture plate! The plate can be left as is to create rubbings, or you can add paint or markers to show off the textures.

MATERIALS

- Smooth cardboard
- Foil
- Glue
- Scrap of felt or thick fabric
- Natural materials with interesting textures
- Paper



STEP ONE

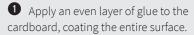
Collect your textures

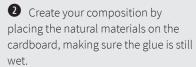
Collect some natural materials (such as leaves) with interesting looking textures. Items should be fairly flat and a bit sturdy.



STEP TWO

Make your plate





- 3 Brush glue over a sheet of foil that is large enough to cover the entire piece of cardboard, with some extra around each edge.
- 4 Place the glue side down on your plant material composition.
- Using some pressure, smooth the foil on top of the cardboard with your hands. You should be able to feel some of the texture through the foil.
- Use a piece of felt or other fabric to press firmly down on your texture plate, and continue smoothing the foil in circular motions.
- Fold the edges of your foil around the back of the cardboard, option to glue in place.

STEP THREE

Make your texture rubbing

Place a sheet of paper on top of the texture plate.

Drag a pencil or crayon with even pressure across the paper several times to reveal the bumps and patterns underneath.











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