

The Great Outdoors

Nature Painting

Nature paintings are a fun and creative way to integrate art and science as children learn about plants, the process of photosynthesis, and how a plant makes its own food. Now that summer is here, you will find trees with new leaves and flowers with new petals. The leaves and petals are a great source for painting. Chlorophyll, the green pigment found in a plant's leaves, is a key ingredient in the process of photosynthesis. It also makes great paint!

For this project, you will need:

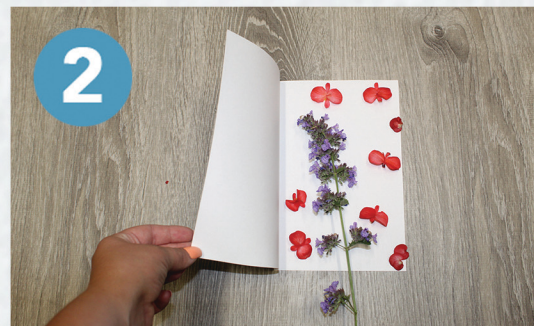
- ☐ 8–10 leaves or flower petals per child
- ☐ a white sheet of paper
- ☐ a metal spoon (Avoid plastic spoons as they break when pressed as firmly as necessary.)



To make the paintings:



Fold a sheet of white paper in half.



Place several leaves or flower petals between the folded paper.



Press firmly on the leaves between the pages and rub with a metal spoon.



Enjoy your beautiful artwork!