

# Transient Art 3-5years

Transient art describes anything creative or imaginative that doesn't stay in one place for long and involves the use of collections of loose, moveable parts.

## You will need:

- Natural resources such as moss, flowers, petals, grass, stones, seeds, fir cones, twigs, small pieces of wood, shells, feathers... the list goes on
- Seasonal resources such as pumpkin seeds, conkers, horse chestnuts, acorns, autumn leaves.
- Mini pom poms
- Cotton wool
- Plain or coloured pasta
- Beads
- Buttons
- Pieces of cut up drinking straws
- Coloured aquarium gravel
- Cotton reels
- Craft sticks
- Corks

## The activity:

- Go on a hunt in the garden to collect items that could be used
- Find an old photo frame or even make a frame out of sticks
- Provide a range of resources listed and allow the child to be free to create whatever picture they like; this may be a portrait or even a pattern.

## Extending the activity:

- Why not try the activity on a mirror too, allowing you to explore symmetry.
- Encourage children to place items using tools such as tweezers to encourage fine motor skills

## TOP TIP:

- This is a fun, exciting and imaginative activity that allows children to create their own masterpieces – without bounds. Outdoor materials make the best pictures!



Enrich vocabulary development with related words such as:

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|---------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Crispy  | Oval      | Rough   | Natural |
| Texture | Crunchy   | Smooth  | Soft    |
| Round   | Dimension | Collect | Hard    |

### How this supports knowledge & development:

- This creative activity is great for exploring mathematical possibilities. During the activity talk to your child about shapes, patterns, colour and textures.
- You can use positional language such as 'on', 'under' and 'next to'.
- Children will develop their fine and gross motor skills and hand-eye coordination through actions such as holding, grasping, and pinching.
- It supports children's creativity, exploration, and concentration.
- Collecting natural materials will help your child to learn about nature, patterns, and colours within our natural environment.
- The activity allows both you and your child time and space to focus on your senses.

### Keeping Everyone Safe

Children will need to be supervised if very small items are used.



### What did you use?

Below try sticking a selection of materials that you used to create your masterpiece. Could you make a 'mini masterpiece'?