



STICKY NATURE BRACELETS

Materials you need:

- Lengths of cardboard (sized to wrap around small wrists).
- Double sided tape
- Small baskets or buckets
- A garden, park or other area that you can go on a walk and collect small natural materials like leaves, petals etc.
- If you don't have a space like that nearby just collect some materials to use before this activity.

Setup for play:

- Help the children (or do for them depending on the ages) to wrap the double sided tape in two strips around the cardboard.
- Measure on each child and secure ends together with a piece of masking tape.
- Set off on your nature walk with wristbands and buckets or baskets.
- As you walk around with the children encourage them to pick out some small items that interest them and stick to the tape on their wrist bands or add to their buckets to explore later if too big to stick to the tape.

What are they learning with this activity?

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As the collect materials and create their wristband they are learning to:

- Explore and investigate
- Develop new vocabulary and language skills
- Strengthen fine motor muscles, visual motor integration and control
- Use descriptive language to name their collected materials
- Respect and care for natural living things
- Broaden their understanding of the world
- Make predictions and generalisations about aspects of the natural world around them
- Use their senses to explore the natural environment
- Understand the interdependence between land, plants and people.
- Create with different mediums and textures.
- Make decisions about the materials they want to use and what works best.

Extending the play:

- Use the left over materials to do a collage on cardboard.
- Add the leftover greenery to the compost bin and talk about what it will turn into.
- Name the flowers, make groups by sorting into colours or sizes.

