



## Five-Minute Nature Play: Natural Paintbrushes

If you are looking for something creative to do, consider painting with nature!

Take a walk through your garden and find unusual things to use as brushes: consider flowers, sticks, leaves, and whatever else you find. You may also want to collect some extra sticks to use as handles.



When you get home, break out the paints and start experimenting. Use the plant as it is, or tie it together to make a brush. You can also use tape, string, or rubber-bands to attach your "brush" to a handle. Play with what kind of pattern you get with different types of attachments. (Does taping the brush to the handle or rubber banding it make a better brush?) See what you can create!

This activity is all about the fun of experimentation. And if you create a masterpiece in the process, even better!



### Learn More:

<https://leftbraincraftbrain.com/five-minute-crafts-painting-with-nature/>

<https://www.pbs.org/parents/crafts-and-experiments/nature-paint-brushes>

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<https://preschoolofthearts.com/2020/01/29/painting-with-natural-materials-and-toddlers/>

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