

Tree Bark Art

Bark Rubbing



Age: 5+ years

Duration: 30 mins

Materials:

- Trees
- A piece of light coloured paper per participant
- a thick pencil, charcoal, or wax crayons per participant

This is a lovely activity for all age groups. It draws participants in, working on observational and analytical skills.

Directions:

- Take a "nature walk" or go on a "tree search" any time of the year on your school grounds or in a nearby park.
- Define your search area with your class for safety.
- Instruct the group to visit trees of their choice, within this designated area and to look out for the distinctive bark, leaf and fruit patterns (the latter two from spring to autumn).
- Explain how to make bark rubbings by holding the paper carefully against a selected tree and rubbing the crayon over the paper with gentle pressure until the texture shows through.
- Once every student has had the chance to make rubbings, bring the group back together for a discussion about their thoughts, observations and artistic results.