

# Preschool Field Officer Program: Be Creative with Natural Materials

## WHAT YOU NEED

A collection of natural materials. This may include:

- Flowers
- Seed pods
- Leaves
- Sticks
- Stones
- Shells
- Glue, string, cardboard, pencils or textas if available

## WHAT YOU COULD DO

- Use your collection to create a collage. Materials could be glued onto cardboard. If cardboard or paper isn't available your collage could be created on a table or the floor and then ask a family member to take a photo of your creation to keep as a lasting memory.
- Your collection could be used together with playdough. You could also add sand or stones to your playdough to create different textures.
- Leaves could be threaded onto string to create a necklace or a mobile.
- Gumnuts or pinecones could be turned into people. You could use them in your pretend play.



## WORDS & PHRASES TO ENCOURAGE

- How many leaves did you find?
- Did you find more leaves or twigs?
- How do the leaves feel? Are they smooth or rough?
- What colours are the leaves?
- Can you find any twigs and stones that are the same colour?
- What do you think is heavier, a stone or a leaf?

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Natural materials can be used as a form of expression and can allow a child's ideas to come to life. Open ended materials allow children to use their creativity and their imagination in a free-flowing way.
- Children will be able to explore and experiment with size, shape, texture, number and colours just to name a few learning areas.

