

Kids Explore!

Make A Nature Detective's Center

Use shoe boxes to create a fun nature guessing game.

Materials

- ◆ 5-10 cardboard shoe boxes (or other small boxes)
- ◆ Scissors that can cut cardboard
- ◆ 5-10 interesting natural items such as cones, leaves, nuts, shells, feathers, rocks, etc.
- ◆ Rock, plant, shell, tree, and other nature identification books
- ◆ Colored paper, old magazines to cut up, glue
- ◆ Markers or crayons

Steps with a ⇨ may require adult help.

1. Collect 5-10 natural objects on a walk in your neighborhood or at a nearby park. Or use things you have already collected. Choose objects with interesting shapes, textures, and sizes.

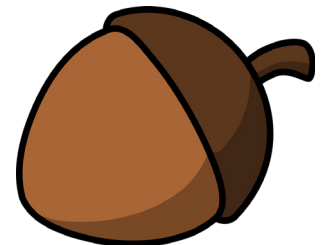
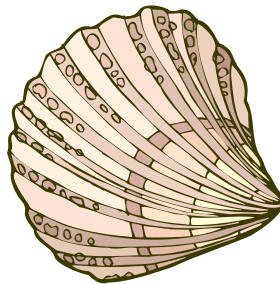
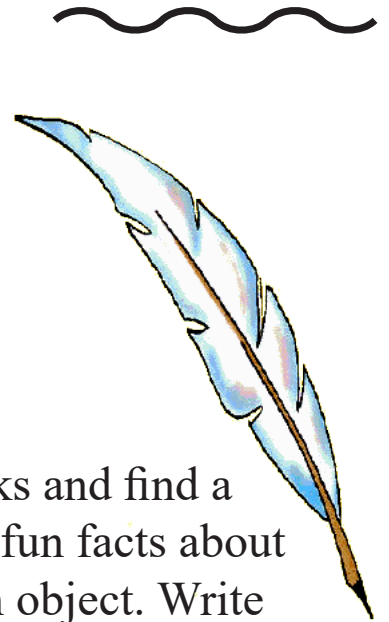
⇨ 2. Cut a flap 4-5 inches across that lifts up on one end of each shoe box. The flap should be wide enough for you to put your hand through.

3. Put one object in each box. Look in your

books and find a few fun facts about each object. Write your facts on small pieces of paper and put them in the boxes with the right natural items.

4. Decorate each box with colored paper, magazine cut-outs, or markers/crayons.

5. Set your boxes up like a museum and invite friends and family to reach inside, touch without looking, and guess what's hidden!



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