

CREATE YOUR OWN FOREST FRIENDS

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- 1) Take a walk around your yard, your kitchen, the woods, or the beach to find the treasures you need to make your own forest friends.

If you take something from the woods, please remember to ask permission if necessary, and don't take more than you need.

- 2) Natural, dried things from nature that won't change color or shape will work best for long-term use.
- 3) Look at each item and think about what they resemble.
- 4) You can attach your treasures using a variety of glues. Glue guns work best, but please ask for an adult's help. It's extremely hot and can easily burn you.

Helpful Hints:

- ⊗ Pine cones can be used in many ways! Be sure and check out all the different sizes and shapes.
- ⊗ Don't forget packaged seeds, dried beans, nuts, spices, snake skin from molting, and fish bones are all options.
- ⊗ Black-eyed peas and seeds make excellent eyes. Dried green peas make nice eyes also, but may need the help of a black water-proof marker to draw on pupils and give them life. A touch of clear nail polish helps the eyes look real.
- ⊗ Skeletonized leaves make wonderful wings and can be found under trees, especially magnolias, in the spring.
- ⊗ Craft stores sell a variety of dried natural items such as dried moss and feathers.

Have Fun!

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