



Little Explorer Nature Treasure Box!

Create a treasure box collection of natural materials that will stimulate any child's creativity and imagination through discovery as they play.

Materials:

- o Egg carton/shoe box
- o Construction paper
- o Glue
- o Markers or color pencils

Try it!

1. Measure and cut a piece of construction paper for the top of your box.
2. Decorate the piece of paper and glue to the top of the box.
3. Optional: decorate the inside.
4. Go for a nature walk and collect:
 - rocks
 - twigs
 - flowers
 - leaves
 - seeds
 - feathers
5. Only collect items that are on the ground. Ask an adult to help you collect flowers.

Guiding Questions:

- What do you see?
- What do you smell?
- What does this feel like?

Learning Behind the Play

- Supports early math skills through sorting and grouping exercises
- Encourages your child's natural inclinations to collect and categorize objects
- Supports language development through encouraging your child to discuss what objects they collected

Take It Further

Encourage your child to sort what they found by color, size, or texture. Challenge your child to experiment with what they found by building an insect or small animal home.