

# Environmental picture frame

Age: 4-8 Group size: 20

Duration: 20 mins



Preparation time: 30 mins

## Resources

- Natural materials – tree bark, dead leaves, seeds etc
- Glue
- Cardboard
- Picture to mount



## Preparation

The size of the frame is determined by the size of the picture to be framed. There are 2 framing options: Cut a piece of coloured card larger than the picture to be framed and draw on a margin to be the frame. This option is quicker to prepare. Make sure there is space between the picture and the margin as the found materials will overlap the edges;

The other option is to cut 4 pieces of card and use card triangles to make the frame. If using this option, make sure that the width of the border is added to the length of the side pieces of cardboard, so that the picture fits when the frame is assembled. This option is more time consuming but if the children are given the card pieces and triangle



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corners they can make the frame themselves. It also gives a slight 3d effect like a real picture frame.

Give the children pieces of paper that will fit the framing option chosen to do their drawing or painting on.

## Activity

Collect bits of bark, twigs, seeds, leaf skeletons etc. Assemble the frame (if using)- Align the strips of cardboard and stick card triangles over the joins.



Generously apply pva to the frame or margin and also to the natural materials and stick down. When the frame has been glued, stick the picture into the space left for it if using a plain sheet of card. If using the assembled frame dab glue around the edges of the front of the picture and stick the frame on top.

