

Art Adventures Goldsworthy Style

All Ages

Nature offers fabulous opportunities and wonderful materials for creative projects. Any outing can readily become an art adventure. All you have to do to be inspired by nature is to look around! Colours, shapes, textures, patterns, light and shadow, - all there waiting for you to arrange it into a work of art.

To fire up your imagination, explore the works of renowned British artist Andy Goldsworthy. A brief introduction is available in this YouTube clip— [Art-Andy Goldsworthy](#) . His work has been enticing children and adults alike all around the world to get outside and create!

Goldsworthy is inspired by all aspects of the natural world, including snowflakes, twigs, icicles, reeds, tree roots, rocks and leaves. He works with found, natural elements in the out-of-doors. He does not expect his creations to last because they, like any other part of nature, are destined to change over time. He leaves nature where he found it and brings home only photographs of his work to share.

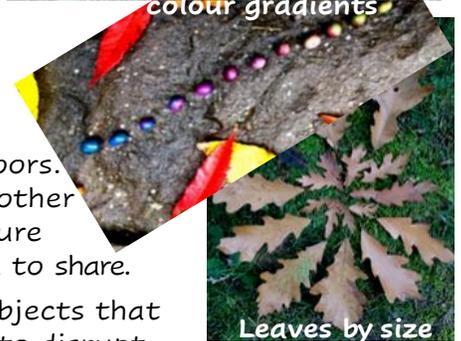
Next time you're out for a walk, try gathering together loose objects that look interesting to you. Use found materials - your goal is not to disrupt nature's processes by picking plants and flowers, but to use what you find on the ground, like branches, thorns, pinecones, nuts etc.

You can make any kind of art you want. While Goldsworthy often makes sculptures, you can create natural collages on the grass, weave branches, wrap something in wet leaves, paint with mud, or follow the artist's example and create a rock sculpture

Note: Experimenting with this type of creativity can be surprisingly addictive and may change your outings in nature in amazing ways!



Leaves and berries in colour gradients

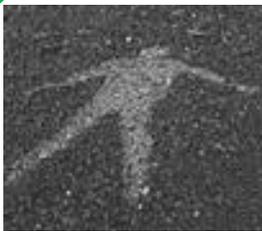


Leaves by size



stone wrapped, in wet leave

Glorious leaf spiral



Tip: Take advantage of a light rain or dusting of snow to make some cool art pieces. Lay objects, or yourself, out on a dry surface. Once the space around the object is wet remove the object.

Voila! A reverse silhouette.

Just for Fun: Create a face from found objects in nature or around the house. Use the sun or a bright light to cast your shadow over the face. Snap a picture of the "new" you. Try a family portrait or your whole body, or maybe an action scene.

