

Spray Art

Step-by-Step Instructions



Wildflowers, June 1912, Region of Peel Archives, Robertson Matthews fonds

This summer, we welcome the Great Outdoors. Get outside and get messy with art inspired by nature.

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Materials: Paper (Heavier is better, like watercolour or cardstock), Food Colouring, Spray Bottles, Water



1. Collect

Collect objects from nature to use in your art. Flat or large objects like big leaves or rocks will work best.

2. Prepare your Spray

Add a few drops of food colouring and about $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of water to a spray bottle. The more food colouring you add, the darker the colour will be. Prepare as many colours as you would like (1 colour per spray bottle).

3. Arrange your Natural Objects

Arrange your objects on a piece of paper. Tip: thicker paper will hold the liquid better. This activity is messy so take it outside! Try to avoid a really windy day.



4. Spray Your Art

Spray the paper with the arranged objects. Once you are done spraying, let it dry. When it's dry, remove all the objects to reveal your final artwork.

