Natura Collaga

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Collage materials like sticks, rocks, leaves, flowers, dirt, tree bark, sand or seeds
- Paper
- Glue or tape

HOW TO:

- 1. Go for a nature walk and take along a small bag.
- 2. Fill the bag with things from nature to use in your art.
- 3. Glue or tape the items to your paper to make your creation.
- 4. If you would prefer, you can lay your items out, take a picture and then return the items to nature.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Collage art uses materials of different textures, colors or patterns to create a scene or pattern. Collage artist Lois Ehlert cuts out each of the pieces of her scenes and moves them around until she has created the picture she wants. She will use things from nature and also fabric or other materials. By using things you find in nature to put together a scene, you are using your imagination to create a beautiful work of art.



Collage techniques
were first used at the time
of the invention of paper in
China around 200 B.C. The use
of collage, however, remained
very limited until the 10th century
in Japan, when calligraphers
began to apply glued paper,
using texts on surfaces,
when writing their poems.





Birds of a Feather by Susan L. Roth



Make It Yourself!: Collages & Sculptures by Carol Hove



The Nature Craft Book by Clare Beaton