

Activity: Woodland Crowns

Kit needed: a long strip of paper or thin card ,Double sided tape the length of that card, a staple or paperclips, natural materials

Group/ family size: 1+

Age Group: 2+

Location: Garden or local green space

Learning about: natural materials, different textures, observation skills

Instructions:

Measure a band of paper to fit around your child's head , then measure out and attach a piece of double sided tape to that band, check that it fits around your child's head so that it is not too tight but wont slip off. Then staple the ends of the paper together, do this so that the sharp edge is facing outwards and not against their head.

Go out and find some natural materials that will stick to the band (nothing too heavy) this can include leaves, small pinecones, fallen petals, twigs, feathers etc and ask the child/ren questions about the shape, size and texture of each item and encourage them to tell you how each object feels in their hands.

Please don't pick lots off leaves off the trees or petals from flowers instead find those that have already fallen to the ground.

Additional comments:

You could use plain paper or card and your child could paint it before you use it but make sure that it is dry first

When collecting leaves and materials for their crown talk to your child about the seasons and how leaves change colour and what new plants and flowers emerge in the spring/ summer

When you are looking for materials please avoid private property/ land unless you have the landowner's permission and watch out for stinging



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insects, brambles and nettles, be careful not to disturb wildlife or destroy habitats.