

FROZEN SUNCATCHERS



KEY IDEAS

Make a beautiful frozen art piece using found items and some water!

Skills | fine motor skills; language; curiosity; creativity

Duration | 45-60 minutes, plus time for freezing

Setting | outdoors

Materials | items found in nature, shallow pan or container, scissors, string or ribbon, water



ACTIVITY

1. Head outside to collect items for your suncatcher.
 - These could be pinecones, evergreen sprigs, berries, twigs or whatever else you find!
2. Bring your items home and lay them out so you can see them all.
3. Choose which items you want to put in your suncatcher and arrange them in the bottom of the shallow pan.
 - This could be a cake pan, pie plate, container lid, or any other shallow container.
 - Fill the pan up, or just pick a few of your favourite items.
4. Fill the pan with water by pouring it slowly over the items.
5. Lay a loop of string or ribbon in the pan.
 - Leave it hanging over the edge so that you can hang your suncatcher once it's frozen.

6. Leave the pan outside overnight to freeze, or use your freezer if it isn't cold enough.
7. Once the suncatcher is frozen, run a little warm water over the outside of the pan to release it.
8. Hang your frozen suncatcher on a branch outside so you can see it sparkle in the sun!



QUESTIONS

- How did you choose which items to put in your suncatcher?
- How do you feel when you look at your finished suncatcher hanging outside?
- Do you think you would find different items if you looked at different times of the year?
 - Why do you think that is?
- How do you think your suncatcher will change as the weather gets warmer?



SAFETY

- Dress appropriately for playing in the snow. Wear snow pants, a hat, and gloves.
- Ask an adult to help you when cutting or trimming items.
- Ask an adult to help you remove the frozen suncatcher from the pan.