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Spring Leaf Counting Activity

This counting activity is great for children to collect and handle the leaves whilst developing their fine motor skills and hand eye co-ordination. It also develops counting skills and number recognition. It can be adapted to the season by using different types of leaves and adding flowers during spring/summer. Add the pegs to the leaves to match the numbers written on them.

What you'll need

- Leaves/Flowers collected outside
- Wooden pegs
- 754730 Sharpie Permanent Fine Marker Pen
- 230741 Round Polywicker Baskets



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Scavenger Hunt

A great collecting and counting activity to help develop fine motor skills and encourage the children to hunt for flowers, twigs and leaves whilst exploring different sizes and textures. You can also use a selection of natural products which we have used. Children will love collecting all the objects and sorting into the wooden bowls/baskets. Then they will need to count the objects by each number.

What you'll need

- Small bowls or containers
- 801660 YPO Play Tray – Green
- 801205 Woodland Treasure Basket
- 305055 Pine Cones
- 800162 River Pebbles
- 302379 Wood Mix
- 307531 Natural Feathers – Assorted
- 800156 Natural Bamboo Circles
- 827746 Plastic Number Cards



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Making Shapes

This outdoor activity helps your little ones put into practice the creation and classifying 2D shapes from using outdoor natural objects. Create 2D shapes with any natural objects they find, you can start off this activity by exploring and identifying shapes in the environment first. Then they can create what they see. To take this further they can make patterned blocks by joining several shapes together.

What you'll need

- Natural flowers (wild flowers- dandelions and daisies would be great)
- Natural twigs
- 800162 River Pebbles
- 320463 Tropical Shell Pack
- 230739 Oval Polywicker Basket



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Rock Sums

Use maths manipulatives to illustrate a maths concept for early learners. This activity is so simple and minimal resources are required so it's a great cost-effective activity for tight budgets. Simply use the rocks to symbolise the numbers and chalks for the symbols.

What you'll need

- 803902 Flat Pebbles (or you can collect your own)
- 703839 YPO Chalk Eggs



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