

Nature Art Challenge

with

The Botanical Alchemists

INSTRUCTIONS

Prepare for a walk around your yard, neighborhood, or local park. Bring a bag or basket and a sturdy pair of scissors with you. Once at your location, get close to the ground and look at all the wonderful bits of nature. Look up at the trees. What colors and textures do you see?

Respectfully gather pieces of nature such as leaves, rocks, sticks, pinecones, berries, feathers, moss, and wild flowers. Feel free to pick flowers in your own yard or in the wild, but always get permission to pick flowers from other locations, like your neighbors' yards.

Once you have gathered some materials, find a spot in your yard, on the sidewalk, in a park, or in a wild, natural area to create your artwork. The grass works well, but a nice clear spot on the ground under a tree can be very nice as well. Spread out your nature items and organize them if desired.

Now you get to create! You can make a specific design or just a collage. There really are no rules. If you have a favorite animal or symbol, try creating it with your materials. This can be almost like putting a puzzle together, except it's one you create as you go!

When you are finished, snap a photo to keep and share with others.

Leave your creation on the ground and, with time, it will decay and go back to nature. Making nature art can be a wonderful meditation as well as a way to connect more deeply with nature and one's self. We hope you have fun!

View the Nature Art Challenge video on YouTube: <http://bit.ly/nature-art-challenge>

SHARE YOUR ARTWORK & CREATIONS

If you would like, you can send your nature artwork photos to The Botanical Alchemists at thebotanicalalchemists@gmail.com by **Wednesday, October 21, 2020**, and they will share your artwork with others who are new to nature art during the library program **Resident Artist: Nature Art**.

You can sign up for the **Resident Artist: Nature Art** program, happening online on Sunday, October 25, 2-3pm, to see other people's nature art and chat with the artists. [Register here](#).