

Drawing from Nature

Saint John Arts Centre: Art at Home



Supplies:

- Basket or bag
- Scissors
- Wax paper
- Large book
- Paper
- Markers
- Pencil
- Black pen

Step 1: Go for a walk and collect your plants!

Go for a walk in your neighbourhood or backyard and collect all the interesting plants you see! It's important not to take the whole plant, just what you need.



Step 2: Preserve your plants!

Place your plants in wax paper and tuck into the pages of books. Stack multiple books if possible to help with the flattening. You should leave this for a minimum of 2 hours.



Step 3: Trace the negative shape of the plants onto your paper.

Holding the plants gently on the page, begin tracing around the outside of the plants. It doesn't have to be perfect but try to achieve as much detail as possible. This way you are recording what the plants actually look like.



Step 4: Colour in with markers. Choose whatever colour palette you like! Remember you can experiment by layering colour for a more organic look. It's ok if you go outside the lines a bit, we can cover that with the next step.



Step 5: Use black pen to define the edges.

Carefully trace around the edges of the plants to give them a beautiful definition!



All done! Remember now that you have your supply of plants you can continue to preserve them in wax paper and use them to make even more unique creations!

