



#TinyRevolutions – Nature Rainbow

Clare Taylor of Bus & Bird Arts shared this lovely Tiny Revolution with us – busandbird.co.uk

Creating a nature rainbow is a beautifully simple activity for all ages to try out. All you need are leaves, grass, windfall, and perhaps flowers, if you have a garden or park with fallen blossom nearby.

Step one – Go on a nature walk. This can be done in your own garden if you have one. Whilst outside, look for flora with different textures and colours in various sizes. (Flora is a fancy word for plant life.)

Step two – Collect leaves, grass, flowers and so on. For nature's sake it is best to pick small amounts of flowers that are past their best or leaves that have already fallen. Blossom is easy to collect but be mindful not to squash any tiny beasties. Flora can be collected in tubs, buckets, baskets or paper bags – whatever you have to hand.

Step three – Once home, sort through your nature treasures and place into different coloured piles. Some flowers may have easy to remove petals, which is how we have created some of the rainbow layers.

Step four – On your driveway, pavement, path, table or floor (any flat surface will do), chalk an arc for the largest section of the rainbow. Start at the top and work your way down to the smaller sections as it works as a guide.

Step five – Decide which colour to start and place your chosen petals or leaves on the arc. Repeat until you complete the rainbow or run out of natural supplies! If you have any petals left, layer them on top of each other to create an extra layer of pattern and colour.

Step six – Admire your handiwork! Take a photo if you can, as the flora will begin to fade and decay fairly quickly. You may choose to press some of the flowers in between pages of old heavy books for use in a future project.

Further ideas – Incorporate a nature trail into the walk. Count the flowers in each arc. Label and draw the parts of each flower as you disassemble them. I am sure that you can think of many more ideas and ways of doing this activity. All images were created with my 5-year-old, she even had a go at taking the photos.



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