OUTDOOR BOX MUD PIE MASTERPIECES

Outdoor activities are at the heart of Scouting.
This activity is for Cubs but any section or leaders could take part too!

Cub Mud Pie Masterpieces

What you need:

- Old Dinner Plate or Large Tin
- Soil
- Water
- Natural elements to use for decoration (Stones, Seeds, Leaves, Flowers etc.)



All young people, well most, love to make mud pies by mixing soil with water and feeling the mud squish together between their fingers.

This activity is not about just making a mess, it's about making the mud to use as a background for a natural picture, rather like a sticky piece of paper – the good thing is that once the picture is complete, it can be photographed and the mud and materials can then be returned to nature, without a negative impact on the environment.

- 1. Find a suitable tin or old plate to use.
- 2. Mix soil from your garden with a little bit of water using your hands (you can wear gloves if you want to) until you have made a quantity of mud to fill the tin or plate.
- 3. Smooth the surface of the mud and leave to dry whilst you search for natural items to use to create your picture.
- 4. Press items firmly into the mud, so it acts like glue to hold the picture together.
- 5. Try creating patterns as well as pictures when you are happy with the creation, take a photo and then return it to nature or leave it for others to see.

Greater things for the Great Outdoors:

Why not make a large-scale natural picture in your front garden, either in a large box or by making more than one mud pie on a plate and displaying them together.

People that are passing by will be able to enjoy the mud pie artwork that has been created.

Safety Notes:

Gardening and Nature: Wash your hands after the activity has finished and wear gloves if needed.



