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Craft Box - Nature Sun Catchers

**This activity is for Scouts
but any section or leaders
could take part too !**

What you need:
- Natural items (flowers, seeds or leaves)
- Bowl or bag
- Kitchen paper
- Heavy book
- Sticky-back plastic OR
- Laminating sheet & laminator
- Hole punch & string
- Lolly sticks & PVA glue
- Felt-tip pens

How to make it:

1. Collect flowers, seeds and small leaves from around the garden or local park in a bag or bowl.
2. Press the flowers by placing between sheets of kitchen paper and pressing with a heavy book.
3. If using sticky-back plastic, cut two squares approximately 11cms or the length of a lolly sticks, Place the the nature items onto one square of the sticky-back plastic, leaving a gap around the edge atleast the width of the lolly stick. Add the other square on top and press together well.
4. If using the laminator place the items inside the pouch to match the size of the lolly stick. Run through the laminator, making sure the items do not fall out.
5. Use the hole punch to put two holes into the top of the sun catcher and use string to make a hanger. Make sure to knot the ends well.
6. Use PVA glue to stick the lolly sticks around the sides of the sun catcher to create a frame.
7. Once dry, decorate the sticks with felt-tip pens and then coat with PVA to make water-proof.
8. Hang in a window or in your garden.

Get more Crafty:

Make the design of the sun catcher more like a mosaic design rather than a random collection from nature.

Safety Notes:
Scissors / Sharp Objects: Supervise young people appropriately when using scissors.
Store all sharp objects securely, out of the reach of young people.

Glue and Solvents: Supervise young people appropriately when they're using glue and solvent products. Make sure there's plenty of ventilation. . Be aware of any medical conditions which could be affected by glue or solvent use and make adjustments as needed.

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