# Plant parts art

### Overview:

Create mixed media art with natural treasures.

## What you need:

- Natural found objects, e.g. flowers, grass, leaves, sticks, plant stems and/or other
- Your imagination and creativity



#### **Instructions:**

- 1. Head outside and look for inspiration for your plant art. What types of bugs, birds, animals and/or pets can you see?
- Collect natural items such as leaves, stems, flowers, seeds and other things.
- 3. Place your plant parts very carefully into the shape of a bug, animal or other object. Make sure you are in a sheltered area or inside so your art doesn't blow away! Making an outline using grass can help plan your art. Use different colours, textures and layers to show the different parts and to express their qualities, e.g. soft, feathery, smooth, spiky or rough.
- 4. Take a photo of your art.



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### **Extension: Learning about plant parts**

Talk about the leaves, stems, branches, flowers, fruits, seeds, and other plant parts you found with a friend, sibling or adult. Which items did you find?

Look more closely at your objects and group them into categories. For example, see the table below:

Leaves	Flowers	Seeds or fruits	Stems/branches	Other

Put the plant parts or found items back in your garden or compost bin when you have finished with them.

Note: If you're not sure if something is safe to touch then leave it. Only take what you need and try to forage from the ground as much as possible.