PRINT WITH RECYCLED & NATURAL MATERIALS



When exploring nature, whether on a walk or looking out a window, we can find different shapes, patterns, and textures. The Art & Nature Center's current exhibition, Where the Questions Live, created by artist Wes Sam-Bruce is an immersive exploration of our connection with the natural world. Wes features a lot of different patterns from nature in his exhibition. Get inspired by Where the Questions Live and the nature in your own backyard or neighborhood. Use recycled materials to create a nature-inspired pattern print!

- **SUPPLIES**
- Printmaking inks or regular paint
- Recycled materials (cans, bottles, cardboard, etc.)
- Natural materials (sticks, rocks, leaves, flowers, etc.)
- Painting surface (paper, cardboard, canvas, wood, etc.)

- Tool for spreading ink/paint (palette knife, plastic utensil, paintbrush, etc.)
- Small paint roller
- Palette (plate, cardboard, etc.)

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1: Gather and prepare all your materials.

TIP: Use a painting cloth or newspaper on your work surface to minimize mess.

Step 2: Spread some ink or paint on your palette. Create a thin layer that is not too goopy, but allows for dipping or rolling.

Step 3: Let's create! Explore the different print textures and patterns that can be made from the materials you choose. Create patterns that remind you of what you see in nature.

To watch this process visit youtube.com/PeabodyEssexMuseum

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