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NATURAL JOURNAL!

Save the memories of your nature discoveries by filling the pages of your Nature Journal. Later, you can enjoy revisiting your summer adventures.

Supplies in kit

- pre-folded journal pages
- journal cover
- journal cover illustration
- yarn for binding the journal

What you’ll need from home

- glue stick or liquid school glue
- scissors
- markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- hole puncher

Directions

1. Color and cut out the journal cover illustration. Glue the illustration to the cover.

2. Using the marked circles on the journal cover as a guide, punch three holes. Slide the pages between the covers and make sure the pages fit snugly against the “spine.” Then carefully draw a dot in the center of the punched-out holes.
3. Slide the pages out and using the dots as a guide, punch three holes then tuck the pages back between the covers. Once the holes are lined up, thread one end of the yarn into the top hole and the other into the bottom hole and pull them through adjusting the ends so that they are even.

4. Turn the journal over, then one at a time, thread the two yarn ends through the center hole as pictured. Next, turn the journal over the front. Tuck one end of the yarn under the long strand of yarn and tie the yarn into a bow. This will keep your journal bound together. Snip the tape off the ends of the yarn. Now you have bound your book and are ready to head out for your summer adventures!

**BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS**

*Slow Down: Fifty Mindful Moments in Nature* by Rachel Williams  
*Outside Your Window: a First Book of Nature* by Nicola Davies  
*Cabinet of Curiosities: Collecting and Understanding the Wonders of the Natural World* by Gordon Grice  
*The Book of Tiny Creatures* by Nathalie Tordjman  
*Nature Play at Home* by Nancy Striniste

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