

Connect with nature in a whole new way with our nature rubbing collage art project inspired by the work of *Order / Disorder: Belonging in Nature* artists, Britton Neubacher and Oscar Romo. Explore the intricate patterns and shapes found in nature and transform them into unique works of art.

Materials

- paper
 - 5-10 sheets
- natural materials
 - leaves
 - grass
- scissors
- crayons
- colored pencils
- glue

Patterns in Nature

The world around us is full of patterns waiting to be discovered. From the intricate spirals of pinecones to the vast formations of galaxies, nature offers an endless array of patterns to observe. Whether it's the symmetrical designs found on seashells or the unique textures adorning leaves and tree bark, there's beauty in every detail.

In this Family Day project, let the textures of leaves, bark and flowers ignite your imagination as you explore the art of rubbing and pattern creation. This project is great for all ages and can easily be adjusted depending on the skill level.

Process

1. **Look for inspiration.** Take in the work of artists Oscar Romo and Britton Neubacher. Consider their use of materials, pattern and color. Begin to think about what you would like to create.
2. **Collect your materials.** Start by taking a nature walk outside to gather up your natural materials. Look for objects that have some texture, such as leaves with bumpy veins, flowers, and seed pods.
3. **Prepare your patterns.** Begin by arranging your natural materials textured (bumpy) side up and place a piece of paper on top. Use a crayon or pencil to begin to create your rubbing. Careful not to move your material underneath the paper. Now experiment! Use the same leaf multiple times, play with color, follow your intuition!
4. **Consider your layout.** Begin to cut out your nature rubbings and arrange on your paper. Once you have decided on a layout, begin to glue into place.
5. **Unleash your creativity!** Once you've assembled your base, get creative! Add a background, make a nature collage



Britton Neubacher

Investigates the partnership between people and plants to evoke well-being using moss and preserved foliage. Neubacher creates original works using preserved plant materials crafted into complex geometric forms.



Oscar Romo

Oscar Romo is the Founding Director of Alter Terra, a nonprofit coastal and marine ecosystem conservation organization utilizing natural systems design to address environmental challenges in countries around the globe. Romo has a series of topographical maps of the Tijuana River that provide an interesting look at how bodies of water connect Mexico and California.

