



# Spring

## Activity Guide



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## LOOSE PART TREE

Place some twigs or small branches from the yard into a small mason jar or vase. Filling the container with rocks will help secure the sticks in place. Supply your child with green yarn, random wooden beads, discarded clothespins, leftover jumbo straws, and pipe cleaners to attach and decorate their tree in a vase.



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## **BUBBLE FUN!**

Create a DIY bubble recipe by mixing 5 cups of water, 2 cups of dish soap and  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup of corn syrup in a large container for your child to get outside and create beautiful bubbles. Explore various blowers by testing items that have a hole to dip and blow. Cookie cutters, scissor handles, a slotted spoon, an empty spool of thread, or pipe cleaners are wonderful options.

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## ROCK PAINTING

Invite your child to decorate a rock with a little paint and some imagination. Your child can create these fun rock monsters or a creation of their own.



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## RAINBOW IN A BAG

Whisk 1 cup of flour, 2 cups of water and 1 tablespoon of salt all in a pot and then add to a low heat on the stove. Continue slowly whisking until a smooth substance starts to form. Scoop a heaped tablespoon of the mix into 7 bowls to make rainbow colours with food colouring. Trim a piece of cardstock to fit into a ziplock bag. Add a heaped teaspoon of paint into the ziplock bag by holding the plastic away so you don't mess on it. Once all the colours are added give to your child to explore and mix.



## EXPLORING SHADOWS

Introduce your child to shadows by supplying them with toys, paper, crayons or pencil and of course the sun. Show your child how different items cast a shadow on their paper and encourage them to trace around and colour in their picture.





## **POPSICLE STICK BIRD FEEDER**

Create a triangle out of popsicle sticks to have your child spread honey on the top. Encourage your child to sprinkle bird seed all over the shape and hang outside to invite the birds to your home.

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## **WALKING RAINBOW**

Fill three jars full of water. Add red food colouring to one, blue to another, and yellow to another. Put an empty jar between red and yellow, yellow and blue, and blue and red. Roll a paper towel into tube-like pieces and put one end in a full jar and the other end in an empty jar. The paper towels will start soaking up the water right away, but it will take about 48 hours before the process is finished. Enjoy the rainbow!

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## CD WIND SPINNER

Turn your old CDs or DVDs into a 'shiny' yard decoration. Supply your child with glue, sequins and sparkles to decorate the circle. Thread a string or fishing line through the centre and hang on a porch or from a tree to watch it sparkle in the sun.



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## GRASS HEADS



Create a fun observation experiment for your child to learn how plants grow and drink up their water. Using a plastic see through cup will help your child with their observations. Have your child decorate the outside of the cup to resemble a face - you can use stickers, google eyes or markers. Then have your child fill up the cup half way with soil. Sprinkle with grass seed and cover with more soil and water. Leave on a sunny porch and observe. Your child can give their grass heads a spring haircut when it gets too long!

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