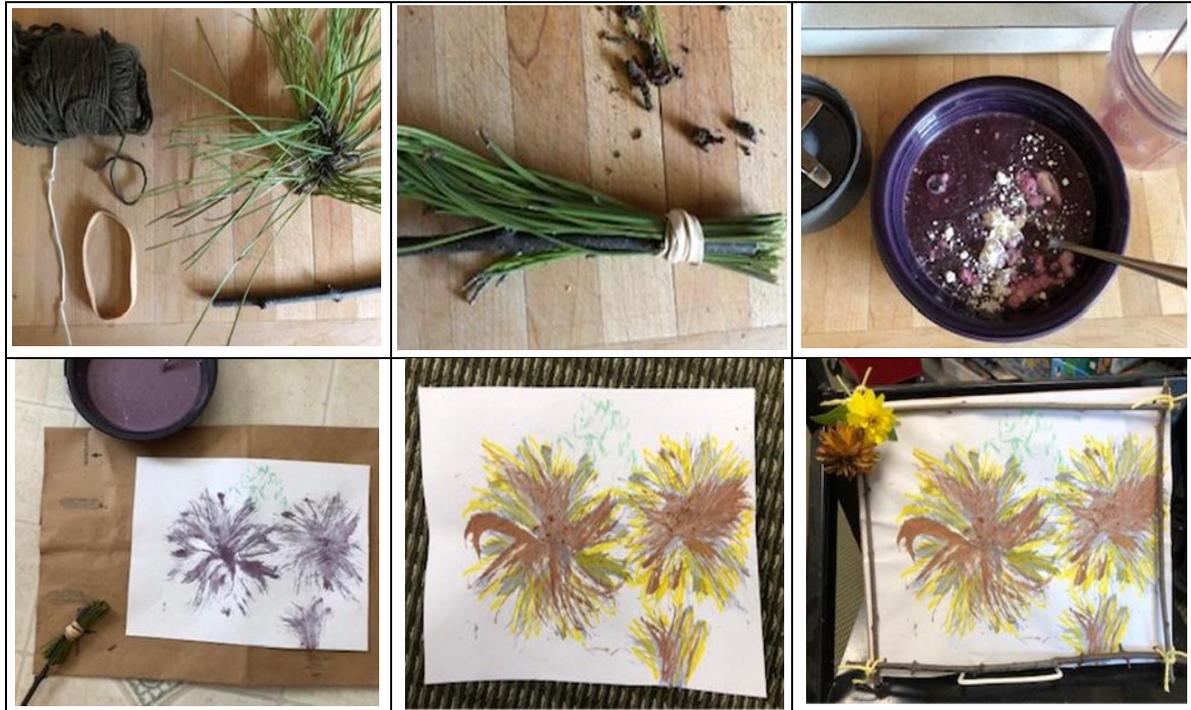


This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. This week we have a special project that is called process art. After a walk outside or a hunt around the house you can find different things to make different types of tools to paint with. The process is the fun part of the activity. Nature is beautiful but not perfect, and allows you to create with your imagination. There is no wrong way to make this artwork!



1-To make the paintbrush, find a stick outside or other stiff object from around the house. You could use a chopstick or the end of a fork. Then go hunting outside for the bristles of the brush. There are evergreen needles, ends of small sticks, flowers, even blades of grass. Tie the bristles around the object you have chosen. Here you could use string, yarn, a twist tie, or maybe a rubber band.

2- In a bowl, make some paint, by using equal parts flour and water. Add a bit of salt or glue. This is a time for exploration and experimentation. If you do not have food coloring, try different foods to make a natural color dye. Blueberries for purple, strawberries or watermelon for red. Smash up the fruit or put in blender and add to flour mixture. Or could use some spices from the cupboard. Turmeric or saffron spices for yellow, and chili powder for reddish brown. If you have Kool-aid or drink powder, try that for a different color in the mix. Try this website for some ideas- <https://tinkerlab.com/salt-and-flour-paint/>.

3- Dip the brush in the mixture and stroke it on paper or cardboard. You can make a picture or a sign. Try to write your name. Make a flower painting. Paint your favorite animal. Or just try different brush strokes. The brush may not last long, but there are more materials right outside your door.

4- Let the paint dry and add details with markers or crayons. Or add another color of paint. You could use a small stone or flower top for a stamp. You could even make a frame around your picture with the sticks. The possibilities are endless!

Be well and happy-exploring possibility! -Ms. Susan