

Minibeast leaf art

Materials needed

- A variety of leaves (different sizes, shapes, and colours).
- Small twigs and other natural materials such as flowers, seeds, pine cones, winged seeds etc.
- Cardstock or sturdy paper.
- PVA glue (you may need to use a glue gun depending on your design).
- Scissors.



Instructions

- 1 Nature walk and collection**
Begin with a nature walk to collect the various natural materials.
- 2 Preparation**
Lay out the collected materials on a flat surface.
If desired, press the leaves between heavy books for a day to flatten them, making them easier to work with.
- 3 Designing the minibeast**
The design is entirely up to the individual child. You could print out pictures of various minibeasts to serve as inspiration. We have a minibeast photo pack you could use here:
However, the idea is not necessarily to create lifelike representations of minibeasts. It's about having fun and being creative. One method you could use is:
 - Use a leaf to serve as the body of the minibeast.
 - Select additional leaves or flower petals to act as wings.
 - Use small twigs or stems to represent legs and antennae.
 - Draw the eyes with a pen or glue some small stones or seeds.
- 4 Assembly**
Arrange the chosen materials on the cardstock to form the minibeast's shape. Once satisfied with the design, glue each piece onto the cardstock, starting with the body and layering other parts accordingly. PVA glue will probably suffice but certain designs may require a glue gun.
- 5 Adding Details**
Use pens to draw additional features, such as spots on ladybugs or stripes on bees. Incorporate other natural materials to embellish the minibeast further.