



## Artsy Thursday: Nature Birdbaths Arkansas Children's Week Week of the Young Child 2016

Creating art can be a fun experience by using natural and reusable resources around you. Children can better understand how nature works, learn to appreciate the beauty in it and explore ways that nature is a part of their life. Learning about nature in the environment teaches children to respect natural resources.

Nature walks are a great way for children to collect the raw, natural materials for classroom activities such as leaves, twigs, rocks, pinecones, etc.

## Let's explore how to make your own <u>Nature Birdbath</u>!

## Supplies needed:

Nature related items: sticks, stones, leaves, grass, nuts, bark, moss Pie pans- disposable, plastic Glue Large rocks Water Stand or flower pots (optional)

*Instructions*: Children can create their own bird bath by gluing the nature items on the outside of the pie pan. Once the glue dries, the bird bath can be placed outside. Glue the bird bath pan to a stand or flower pots. Large rocks can be placed inside of it and fill with fresh water. Let the birdwatching begin!

Other Nature Art Ideas:

- Food garland and feeders
- Nature mobile
- Leaf prints
- Homemade paintbrushes

## Resources:

Organic Crafts: 75 Earth-Friendly Art Activities by Kimberly Monaghan Growing Up WILD