



Campbell Creek Science Center

Time Outside Together (TOTs): Ice Ornaments

Resources to explore the natural world with children under five.



Create an Ice Ornament!

1. Go outside and gather small natural items, such as leaves, sticks, berries, and cones.
2. Fill a plate, bowl, or Tupperware with about an inch of water.
3. Arrange the natural items in the water.
4. Place a piece of string, cord, or yarn in the water. Put the ends in the water and leave the loop out of the water.
5. Add a drop or two of food coloring (optional).
6. Set the plate, bowl, or Tupperware outside when the temperature is below freezing. Let the water freeze completely.
7. Pop out the ice. If needed, loosen the ice with a little warm water.
8. Hang the ice ornament outside on a tree branch, deck, or other noticeable place.
9. Observe how the ornament changes with the weather over time!



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