



Wednesdays in the Woods Activity: I Spy...

Materials Needed:

- Small objects found outside, e.g. pebbles, sticks, leaves, pine cones
- A cloth, bandana, or cleared surface on the ground
- Paper and writing utensil for writing clues (optional)

Instructions:

1. Search for small objects outside, but don't show them to anyone.
2. Arrange the objects creatively on a cloth, bandana or cleared surface on the ground. Camouflage (hide) the objects so that everything you collected is not obviously visible.
3. Challenge others to find specific objects within your search-and-find creation.
4. (Optional) Write down clues for your search-and-find puzzle, e.g. "I spy with my little eye something soft, something new, something decomposing, and something blue!"

Reflective Questions:

- What might use camouflage outdoors and why?
- Do you prefer to hide things or to find them? Why?
- Describe the perfect outdoor hiding place for a human...for a squirrel...for a snake, etc.
- What other kinds of art do you like to create?

Extensions of this activity

- Try asking younger participants to find matches for the arranged objects you find; why were some objects harder or easier to find than others?
- Make fairy houses that incorporate the found objects.
- Practice the 'Leave No Trace' memory challenge by trying to return all the objects exactly where you found them!
- Read an *I Spy* book and create your own indoor-themed search-and-find puzzle.

This is an indoor "I Spy" creation made by 4-H staff!

I spy with my little eye three jelly beans, two pairs of scissors, and one spoon.



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