



## **Wednesdays in the Woods Activity: Shape Matching**

### **Materials Needed:**

- Cut-outs of shapes (you can make these with recycled paper or cardboard) or any small objects with interesting shapes, like toys

### **Instructions:**

1. Go outdoors and hold up a cut-out shape or small object. Try to find something in nature that has a similar shape. Observe that object from a distance and up close. Does that change how it appears?

### **Reflective Questions:**

- Which shapes are more or less common in nature?
- Why are things in nature shaped differently?
- How might animals use different shapes and patterns within their habitats to survive?

### **Extensions of this activity:**

- You can also match colors from small pieces of paper or paint swatches to those you see in nature or try to find numbers and letters of the alphabet in nature. Tree branches are great places to look for letter and number patterns, especially before the trees have leaves.
- Make cut-out shapes based on what you observe in nature and try matching them to indoor objects.
- Tape some masking tape sticky-side out on your wrist and collect tiny bits of fallen natural materials (like lichen, leaves, flower petals, etc.) and stick them to the tape to make a natural color bracelet.

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