

## Web Based Nature Crafts Resources of Interest

The web has made it easy for various sources to post a wide range of craft/nature craft activities. We love many of these, and have listed a sampling of these sites.

While we like these various sites, we have not tried all of the activities listed, nor do we offer any assurances or guarantees about any of them. We suggest that it is always wise to try a craft yourself in advance. What looks good in print may have interesting twists in practice.

Do keep in mind that you have to sort through the various activities and decide which one(s) may be more appropriate for your kid(s). Depending upon the activity and the age, some may require a greater degree of adult involvement and/or supervision.

<http://tlc.howstuffworks.com/family/nature-crafts.htm>

I really like this site. The nature crafts chosen are simple activities that help kids connect with /learn about nature. General groupings, with links to more specific crafts.

<http://www.artistshelpingchildren.org/flowersgardenartscraftsideassprojectskids.html>

Great web site with all kinds of garden crafts for little kids.

[http://www.familycorner.com/dir/Family/Kids/Kids\\_Crafts/](http://www.familycorner.com/dir/Family/Kids/Kids_Crafts/)

Lot's of craft ideas, including nature crafts.

[http://www.familycorner.com/family/kids/crafts/coffee\\_filter\\_flower.shtml](http://www.familycorner.com/family/kids/crafts/coffee_filter_flower.shtml)

How to make flowers from coffee filters.

<http://www.allcrafts.net/nature.htm>

Large number of Wildcrafting and nature crafts, kids nature crafts, pressed flower crafts and gourd crafts

<http://www.allfreecrafts.com/nature/index.shtml>

All Kinds of free nature crafts.

<http://www.magicalchildhood.com/crafts/nature2.htm>

Nice listing of various nature crafts, and a link to a wide variety of craft activities.

<http://crafts.kaboose.com/nature-crafts.html>

Various nature crafts listed for kids, and links to Thanksgiving and Christmas crafts as well.

<http://guidezone.e-guiding.com/nature.htm>

Huge number of nature crafts and links. Looks like it is UK based.

<http://www.bhg.com/crafts/nature/>

Better Homes and Gardens has a number of crafts listed. Many may require adult supervision and assistance.

[http://familycrafts.about.com/od/naturecrafts/Nature\\_Crafts.htm](http://familycrafts.about.com/od/naturecrafts/Nature_Crafts.htm)

Another wonderful site. This one has crafts in various areas (eg. 26 dealing with pine cones alone!)

<http://richardlouv.com/children-nature-resources>

This is a wonderful online resource guide to encouraging kids to enjoy the outdoors and nature. There are a number of activities listed, (not crafts--but that is fine!) Also includes a nice print bibliography, and additional online links to other useful resources.

<http://oldfashionedliving.com/treehouse.htm>

Many crafts listed here. Not all are nature, but there are enough to have me add this one to our list! You could spend a lot of productive time working through the various links on this site.

**A few additional great resources:**

<http://stayathomemoms.about.com/od/activitiesandfun/tp/natureactivitiesforchildren.htm>

Seven outdoor activities that will encourage love of nature.

[http://www.greenheartsinc.org/Parents\\_Guide.html](http://www.greenheartsinc.org/Parents_Guide.html)

This is a very neat little guide to why parents need to give their kids more outdoor play and how to go about it. Available as a download. Nice. Lots of other good things at their site: <http://www.greenheartsinc.org/>

<http://www.childrenandnature.org/>

Outstanding. Outstanding. Outstanding.

This is **the** movement to reconnect children with nature. This impressive website includes all kinds of research, events, information, networking, etc.