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Our Little Hands sessions are jam-packed with joyful learning, especially designed for little artists to explore their inner creativity, be curious and MAKE!



Creating environments and activities inspired by our exhibition programme which are sensory and playful for you and your little one to discover and enjoy.

Continue the creative play at home - a follow on from our 2020 Little Hands project 'Craft Kitchen.'



This time our 'recipes' of crafty ideas will include a package of 'ingredients' (materials), that you'll be able to do at home safely with your little one. The package also includes a craft recipe for adults too!!



Both of the activities are inspired by our exhibition programme.



**These 'recipes' are designed by artists
Ticky Lowe & Donna Jones and
Illustrated by Rhi Moxon**

These activities require minimal resources and are easy to follow.

We hope you will enjoy and please feel free to share your creations with us!

We would love to see how you get on!



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Inspired by Ruthin Craft Centre's previous exhibition "Field Work" by Dail Behennah, the work explores collections of beautiful found natural objects and hand crafted objects.

The exhibition documents three journeys: firstly, the process of leaving a special place; secondly documenting walks there; and thirdly a creative journey to find new materials and processes.

'When I go for a walk I cannot resist picking up small objects and taking them home. They are markers of the walk, and jog my memory of a time and place. However, they are not merely souvenirs. Most are natural objects, occurring in that place as a result of geological and geographical processes, soil and climate.

Identification is an important part of the process of collecting, and after brushing and washing off sand and mud the first thing I do is go to the bookshelf and find out more about them.' Dail Behennah

Our 5th and last 'Take Away pack' is inspired by the **CRAFT** of **NATURE** and our recipes of activities are designed for you to enjoy and do outdoors whether it is in your own garden, park, woodlands or perhaps by the sea.

With our next Take Away pack we are exploring the theme of 'nature' through a maker's eyes and yours, which offers "An invitation to play" for babies, toddlers and for the grown-ups.

As Dail Behennah said
"Nothing is a copy of the thing I picked up – it is what happened through play and manipulation of materials"



To view the **Fieldwork** exhibition at Ruthin Craft Centre, click on the link below

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/ruthincraftcentre/albums/72157653620941083>

Be inspired by nature by getting outdoors, going for a walk, engage with your natural surroundings and then **MAKE**.



Recipes of craft activities for babies and toddlers



Ingredients (Materials) for Babies and Toddlers

- Basket
- Wooden ball
- Pinecone
- Cotton reel
- Woven ball
- Pebble
- Tree disks



LOOSE PARTS

We have put together a small collection of natural sensory objects (treasures) in a special basket for your child to keep.

Loose parts are the perfect way to encourage your child's creativity, critical thinking and problem solving from a very early age!

They help to build confidence as there is no right or wrong way to play with them, it's all about exploring, experimenting and imagination.

Here are a few ideas



Collecting Together

Use the basket to collect more sensory treasures when you are out on a walk together, (encourage your child to be curious about the natural world and to learn to respect it!)



Painted Pebbles

*Pebbles make a quirky canvas.
You can paint a pebble in any way you would like...*



Land art - "Invitations to play"

*Get messy outside
and play with Water,
Mud and Sand*



Safety Tips

All activities are for the parents/guardian's and their children to do **together** - children must not be left alone with any of these material and must be supervised at all times.

Some creative 'Me Time' for the adults

Recipes of craft activities for the grown-ups



Ingredients (Materials)

- A selection of different types of wire
- Twine
- Raffia
- Paper
- Ink



• Remembering a walk – wire binding found objects

When you are out walking in a park, woods, fields, the seaside collect natural treasures that you find on your way and bring them home with you -a feather, a pebble, a pine cone, a fallen leaf, a twig etc.

Choose objects that remind you where you were, or what you were doing at that time.

Use the wire to wrap around each chosen object and connect them together creating a memory line.





ME TIME



Nature Table

Choose from your selection of collected natural treasures, perhaps a leaf or feather

Spend time looking at the natural objects you've collected along your journey and carefully examine the shape, texture, colours, pattern etc

Use the paper, ink, wire or string to create your own version.



Weaving with twigs

Collect interesting shaped twigs during your walk or from the garden.

At home create a simple loom in a forked section

Or use your wire and twine to create a frame and start to weave with twine, wire, raffia, you can add found feathers, shells, grasses and leaves.....



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