

Texture Hunt



Sensory



Gross Motor



Creativity

Set-up: 1 min _____

Children love to discover the natural world around them. Let them use their senses to hunt for objects of different textures outside.

Texture Hunt Ideas:

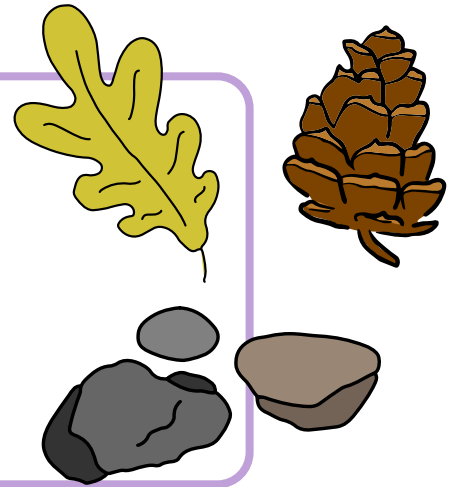
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To Play:

1 Head outside together – anywhere will do!

2 Choose a texture and encourage your child to start exploring. Give an example and offer a prompt if your child needs it. “Feel how smooth this rock is. Can you find something else that’s smooth?”

3 Record or collect objects for each texture.



Extend the Fun

Create a sensory bin by filling a plastic container with objects of different textures like sticks, leaves and large rocks. Let your child explore how they feel on their hands and feet!

ADJUST THE CHALLENGE



Use the objects you collected during the scavenger hunt to make texture rubbings. Place an object under a white sheet of paper then rub over it with a crayon to reveal unique patterns.

Mix It Up:

Select an object outside or inside, for example a tree or a bed. How many different textures can you find on one object?



Another Take:

Put an object with a fun texture inside an opaque bag. Ask your child to feel inside (no peeking!) and describe the texture. Can they guess what the object is? Add a different object and play again!

