

# ART GUIDE

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### Materials:

Leaves

Twigs

Flowers

Rocks

Other organic material

Small boxes or bags to collect and organize materials

### Instructions:

#### 1. Collect

Find a safe place outside your home to touch and gather organic material. Be sure to collect an assortment of items so your land art will vary in color, size, and material.

#### 2. Sort

Identify your workspace outside. Then, organize your materials into different collections by gathering like items together in your small boxes or bags.

### **Mandala**

A decorative circular structure that radiates out symmetrically from its center point.

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### 3. Arrange

You can choose one item or several like items as the central piece of your land art. Place your chosen centerpiece in the middle of your workspace. Next, choose materials from another collection to place a ring around the central piece.

### 4. Radiate

Working from the center, continue to arrange materials into new circles by alternating shape and color. Notice the patterns you are creating each time you add to your land art mandala. Use all your materials for one large piece or make several small ones. Arrange and rearrange your mandala as many times as you would like.

### 5. Bonus Round

Take this activity inside! Gather man-made collections of small items, such as toys, coins, or buttons, to create your next mandala.