



ACTIVITY 4: EXPLORING COLOURS AROUND US WITH FOUND MATERIALS

Age: 6yrs and above

Materials:

Rocks, leaves, grass, flowers, sand, seeds, waste vegetables, waste colored paper, etc.

Step 1: Look around your house and find any material which can be used to make different colors.

Points to keep in mind:

1. If possible, find a partner who can work with you, a sibling or a family member.
2. Ask them to do the same activity, but individually.
3. Look around your house and see if there are materials you can find which has colors that can be extracted.
4. Find at least 5 different materials and collect them.
5. Now take a photo of all the materials you found and write down their original colors.

6. Think the different ways you can manipulate these materials to get their colors out. For example: powdering, grinding, dissolving, soaking, mixing materials, etc.
7. Try to get a natural color from each of these materials in different ways. What do I get when you crush a leaf, what do I get if I rub the leaf on a rough surface? What happens if I put it in water? Try various ways to get color from the material.
8. Try to get colors by using at least 2 to 3 different methods.
9. Write down the difference of the colors you see from the original materials and the colors after working with the materials.
10. Take photos of all the explorations you made along with your notes.

If you found a partner

1. Share all the materials you both collected and the colors you explored.
2. Pick out one or two of the colors you explored, let your partner guess which material created the color(s) and what you might have done to get it.
3. Let your partner also show you one or two colors he explored and you can guess the material used and the method that was used.

Step 2:

1. Once you all have tried, share your explorations with each other and the process of how you got the colors from a particular material.
2. If you want, you can bring all the colors you and your partner explored, mix them to see if they change colors or make new colors.



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