

Botanical Summer

Summer is a great time to enjoy the outdoors, nature and all that goes with it. These crafts are just a small selection of the possibilities but a great point to start.



Nature Wands

A bit of magic makes any day more fun. These creations take a botanical turn on the usual magic wands.

A stick becomes the base of the wand, then attaching more nature elements with natural string and you have yourself a magical play thing.

Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/naturewands.pdf



Bugs On A Leaf

The environment makes a great muse for any craft.

Using some green felt (or card) and a bamboo/wooden spoon you can make a cute little creation. The top of the spoon becomes a bug that finds its home on the leaf.

Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/bugsonaleaf.pdf

Nature Insects & Animals

Leaves and pieces of nature make for a great base for the imagination.

While out on a walk you can collect some leaves, sticks, seeds etc and take them back to make cute little artworks. Use the collected elements layered up to make artworks of insects and animals.

Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/natureinsectsandanimals.pdf



Paper Plate Frisbees



Sometimes the best part of nature is simply being out in it and this creation is perfect for that.

Using two paper plates with holes cut into them and glued together you can make these awesome little frisbees.

Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/paperplatefrisbees.pdf

Links

Check out the OSCN craft page oscn.nz/activities for more ideas

Check our pinterest page pinterest.nz/jooscn



Puzzle Pieces



Love You To Pieces

A perfect little gift for a child to give to their parent/caregiver.

Coloured card with decorated puzzle pieces stuck to it makes the perfect base. Add the words "I love you to pieces" and you have the cutest little gift.

Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/loveyoutopieces.pdf



Puzzle Tree

Artworks can be made from many different materials and puzzle pieces make for a great artistic touches to a unique picture.

This artwork starts with a simple painted background, in this case a landscape. Then adding puzzle pieces to make the leaves on the tree. Simple but effective.

Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/puzzletree.pdf

Puzzle Keyrings

Friendship gifts are a special way to show someone what they mean to you. This small craft takes the simple two part gift and gives it a twist.

Using two linking puzzle pieces as the base, adding photos or a joining heart, some chain and then a keyring and you're good to go.

Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/puzzlekeyrings.pdf



Monster Puzzle Pieces



Another use for those small puzzle pieces is turning them into colourful characters.

The piece becomes the base of the creature, adding eyes, hair etc and you have your own little monster.

Instructions found at oscn.nz/files/monsterpuzzlepieces.pdf

Find the resources

Many people have old puzzles stored away, you could put out a call to see if anyone has some old ones to give away. Otherwise go to your local discount store, or local op shop they usually have cheap puzzles that will give you the pieces you need.