

# Forest Mobiles

On your nature walk, collect interesting things such as leaves, acorns, pinecones, sticks, winged maple seeds and dried berries. Let children use their collected special treasures to create a natural mobile.

**Time to complete:** 1 hour to collect, 1 hour to create

**Age Group:** 6+ years (adult supervision may be required to assist younger children)

## Supplies or materials:

- Collection bag or bucket
- String or wool
- Skewer or bradawl (for poking holes through harder material)
- Scissors
- Tapestry needles



## Instructions:

**Safety tips:** do not let children collect poisonous materials and always supervise them when they are using a skewer, bradawl or tapestry needle.

- Make holes through seeds and nuts with the skewer or bradawl (need adult supervision)
- Tie a knot at one end of each length of string or wool
- Use the tapestry needle to thread a mixture of heavy and light items together.
- Experiment with shape, size, and colour, trying out different arrangements of seeds and leaves.
- Tie to a tree branch or if you have several mobiles, use a horizontal stick and space your mobiles out evenly along the stick. Then attach one long piece of wool or string to both ends of your horizontal stick to make a handle to hang it.
- Watch the wind blow it and see how your mobile pieces change as autumn becomes winter.