

## Nature Art

Twigs, sticks, leaves, flowers, dirt, and rocks are not only parts of nature, they can be part of art. When natural items like this wash into our waterways, they are actually pollutants. As leaves and other items decompose in the water, they decrease the amount of oxygen in the water. Too much soil washing into the water can increase the temperature of the water. Both of these can harm the wildlife that lives in and near the water.

Keep a few of these items out of our waterways by using them to create a beautiful art piece. You can use sticks to create a tent. Maybe find leaves of different colors to create a mosaic. How tall of a tower can you make with stones? Can you make a necklace out of clover or a wreath from invasive English Ivy? What can you make with pinecones or seed pods? Get creative and make something awesome!

Send us a picture of your creations at water.education@kcmo.org





