

CRAFTING WITH NATURE

SEED CRAFTS



Express!

The logo for 'Express!' features the word in a bold, orange, sans-serif font with a white outline. It is set against a green, brush-stroke-like background that has a white outline. The background of the entire page is a light, textured paper with faint purple leaf patterns and several large, vibrant autumn leaves in shades of orange and red.

Imagination comes alive in **Express!**
Transform the everyday into the fresh and new,
discover ways to stir up flavor and excitement,
and experiment with new ideas and materials.
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Time to Craft!

Time to explore nature!
Go outside and gather seeds.
Pine cones and acorns contain
tiny seeds that grow into huge
trees. Maple seeds are also
common. Other seeds, like
beans and nuts, are good for
crafting, too. These are easy
to find at grocery stores.

When you have gathered
your materials, it is time to
craft! You can make jewelry,
decorations, and even animal
feeders with seeds.



Common Seeds in the United States



MAPLE



SUNFLOWER



DANDELION

Nature Safety

-  Have an adult check the area for any dangerous plants, animals, or other materials.
-  Do not collect nature items from national or state parks.
-  Ask permission to take items from yards or other private property.
-  Stay away from animal nests and homes.
-  Only collect as many supplies as needed.

Pine Cone Roses

Roses grow around the world. Most are found in the **Northern Hemisphere**.

The most common garden roses come from just 10 **species**. These species were **crossbred** to make new types of roses. Today, **hybrid** tea roses are some of the most popular. They were crossbred from two types of roses!

1



Paint the pine cones red, pink, yellow, or any other color.

2



Paint the sticks green.

3

When the pine cones and sticks are dry, glue one pine cone to the end of each stick.

materials

paintbrushes



scissors



5 to 10 long sticks about 6 to 12 inches
(15 to 30 centimeters) long



several colors of paint,
including green

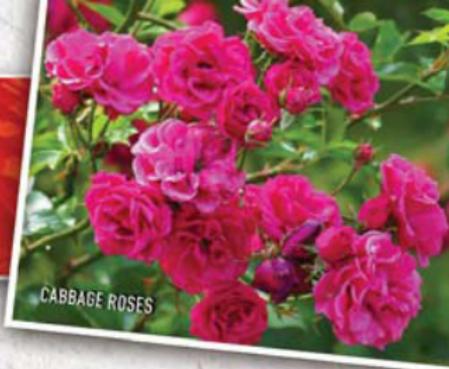


5 to 10 pine cones



SWEET SMELLING ROSE

Cabbage roses are large roses with many petals. They were first bred between the years 1600 and 1800. They are often used to make perfume!



4

Using the pencil, trace leaf shapes onto the construction paper. Cut out the leaves and glue them to the sticks.

5

Continue making as many roses as you want. Place the completed roses into the jar or other container!



hot glue gun



hot glue sticks



small jar or other container



green construction paper



pencil

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