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# STICK CRAFTS

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# Get Outside!

It is fun to go outside. But it is not always easy to find things to do. Next time you are bored, go on a nature **scavenger hunt!**

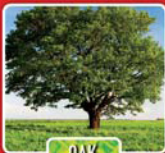
Collect as many sticks and twigs as you can. Try to find different shapes and sizes. What can you make with these natural art supplies?



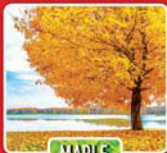
## Common Trees in the United States



PINE



OAK



MAPLE

## 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.

# stick owl

Owls live all over the world! Most of these birds are active at night. They swoop through the night sky and catch **prey** in their sharp **talons**. Some owls eat insects, but others eat **mammals** such as mice and rabbits.

During the day, owls **roost** in trees. They close their big eyes until nightfall!

1

Use the pencil to draw an owl shape onto the cardboard. Cut out the shape.

2

Arrange sticks lengthwise on the owl. Glue in place.



3

Place one leaf on either side of the owl to make the wings. Glue in place.



## materials



glue



strong piece of cardboard



scissors



15 to 20 strong, straight sticks about 12 inches (30 centimeters) long



pencil

4

Paint small circles in the middle of each rock. Place the rocks in the center of the owl and glue in place. These are the owl's eyes.



5

Paint details onto the owl. When they are dry, your stick owl is ready to fly!

### CRAFT TIP

There are many types of owls, and each has a different shape and size. Snowy owls have round bodies, while great horned owls have feathers that point up like horns. Try making different types of owls with sticks!



2 large leaves



2 small rocks



colorful paint



paintbrush

