

## **Eco Collage Workshop**

Artist: Nadina Tandy

Create a collage out of local, natural materials gathered from a place that is meaningful to you. How do you identify plants? How can plants tell the story of a place? What plants are important to you? Why?

Creative Exploration: Collage, Sculpture

Level: Basic

Age: This activity is recommended for Grades K – 3.

### **TEACHER PRE-CLASS PREPARATION:**

Here are some things that you, the teacher, will need to prepare prior to the activity.

paper for the frottage rubbings (computer paper is fine)

scissors

glue sticks / white glue

pencils, pencil crayons, crayons

### **KIT INCLUDES:**

Foraging Bag with instructions

Cardstock for mounting

Sample sheet for foraging

Sample frottage for sharing

### **Class 1: Our Ancient Forests**

Introduce the Dakota Bear Sanctuary in your class. What is an ancient forest? What does ancient mean? Have students share a story about the last time they were in the forest. What do they remember? Have they ever seen a bear den? What do they imagine the home of a bear to look like? What other homes for animals can they imagine?

### **Class 2: Going for a Walk**

Go for a walk in the forest with the foraging bag. Have your students collect one of each of the following: Fern leaf, cedar bark, salal leaf, moss, cedar, pine branch, and anything else they would like to play with. Remember to also collect a stick.

### **Class 3: Creative Workshop**

Once students have gathered their materials during the walk, you are now ready to watch the workshop video and start to make your eco-collage.

### **Class 4: Visiting the Exhibition**

Visit the gallery between April 23<sup>rd</sup> – May 23<sup>rd</sup> for a tour of the exhibition and a chance to see and talk about the work. Following distancing protocols, each class will be given an hour in the gallery, with a guided discussion. Please use the following link to book a date and time to visit:

[https://doodle.com/poll/hs3h8pa3hy2eg3ns?utm\\_source=poll&utm\\_medium=link](https://doodle.com/poll/hs3h8pa3hy2eg3ns?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link)