

Play School Art Time

Educator Notes: Episode 14. Rainforest

In this episode

Vivid green, lush, layered and full of life! The Art Crew explore the wonders of beautiful rainforests as they work on a collaged mural together.

Using upcycled cardboard and other loose parts, Zindzi creates a collection of rainforest creatures, including a lurking crocodile and vibrant butterflies!

Material Suggestions

- Large sheet of cardboard
(ask around, someone might have a fridge box they could donate)
- Tissue/crepe paper
- Cylinders
- Pegs
- Paper doilies
- Corrugated cardboard
- Hessian/felt/fabric scraps/wool
- Patty pans
- Cartons
- Paste
- Scissors
- Tape



Let's extend

- Find out about the [layers of a real rainforest](#): what is the purpose of each layer and what plants and creatures can be found?
- When setting up, consider sorting materials into colour groups; greens, browns and blues – organised materials promotes focused and thoughtful engagement.
- When the mural is complete, take photographs of each layer and arrange into a display book. Include notes about each layer based on your rainforest research. Display for families and children to revisit.
- Encourage children to use water colours to paint their favourite section of the collage. Frame and display alongside the mural.
- Create mini rainforest dioramas in shoe boxes – incorporate natural materials found outdoors such as sticks, bark and leaves. Don't forget to put natural materials back where you found them in the outdoors when finished.



Music

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