

# NATURE ART WITH DIY WATERCOLOR

Before you throw away your kids' markers that are drying out, involve your kids in setting up an art project. They will love being a part of the process!

## MAKE THE WATERCOLOR

### YOU WILL NEED:

- ✓ Dried-out washable markers
- ✓ Water
- ✓ Spray bottles

Fill the spray bottles with the old markers - one color or complementary colors for each bottle - then add water. The color from the markers will color the water almost immediately.



## CREATE WITH NATURE

### GATHER THESE SUPPLIES:

- ✓ White paper
- ✓ Watercolor paint spray bottles
- ✓ Leaves, rocks, twigs, and other natural things in all shapes and sizes

Take all of your materials outside. Have your kids lay their natural items on their paper in whatever order or pattern they like, then spray the paper and the items with the watercolors they made. When they decide they are finished adding color, help your kids remove the natural items and check out the unique art they created!

## THIS TWO-PART ACTIVITY:

- 1 Sparks curiosity and imagination
- 2 Shows how to reuse materials before throwing them away
- 3 Helps practice fine motor skills
- 4 Encourages celebrating the process of making art as well as the end result