



## Backyard and Beyond

### Making Music in Nature

The possibilities for making music are endless when you go outside! Collect rocks, sticks, and leaves to see what kind of symphony you can compose.

- Try tapping different objects with a stick. Do hard objects like rocks sound different than soft objects like leaves? Do different sized sticks make different sounds?
- Pick up some pebbles and let them fall through your fingers. Try changing the speed.
- Blow on a blade of grass held between your thumbs for a whistle.
- Drop pebbles or rocks into a puddle. Can you make the “plops” sound different?
- Form your own band! Find “instruments” for others and play them all together!



What other ways can you make music using materials from nature?

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