



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?