

SCIENCE SCOUTS: BOTANY

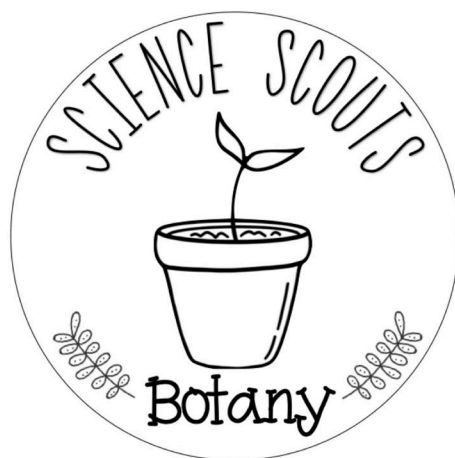
NATURE STAMPS

The **Science Scouts** units are designed to inspire young learners by combining hands-on activities with exciting opportunities to explore different fields of science. This Nature Stamps activity can be completed on its own or as part of the **Science Scouts Botany Unit**, making it flexible for both classroom and homeschool settings.

In the Botany unit, students dive into the fascinating world of plants through a series of engaging, hands-on experiments and observations. Each activity introduces a key concept of plant science, encouraging curiosity, critical thinking, and a deeper connection to nature.

By completing all activities in the unit, students can earn their "Botany Badge," celebrating their accomplishments as budding scientists! These printable badges can be colored and glued onto their science notebooks. The printable **Botany Badge** is available for download under our free resources on our store page. If you'd like to order iron-on decals from an online retailer to attach to ribbon sashes or vests for the kids to collect, send an email and I'll forward along a color image file of the badge!

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TEACHER'S GUIDE: NATURE PRINTS

Objective

Students will create art by "stamping" with objects found in nature.

Supplies

- Found items in nature
- Paper plates
- Paint or ink pad

Book List

- What's in Your Pocket?
Collecting Nature's Treasures by Heather L. Montgomery
- Outside In by Staci Pennybaker

INTRODUCTION

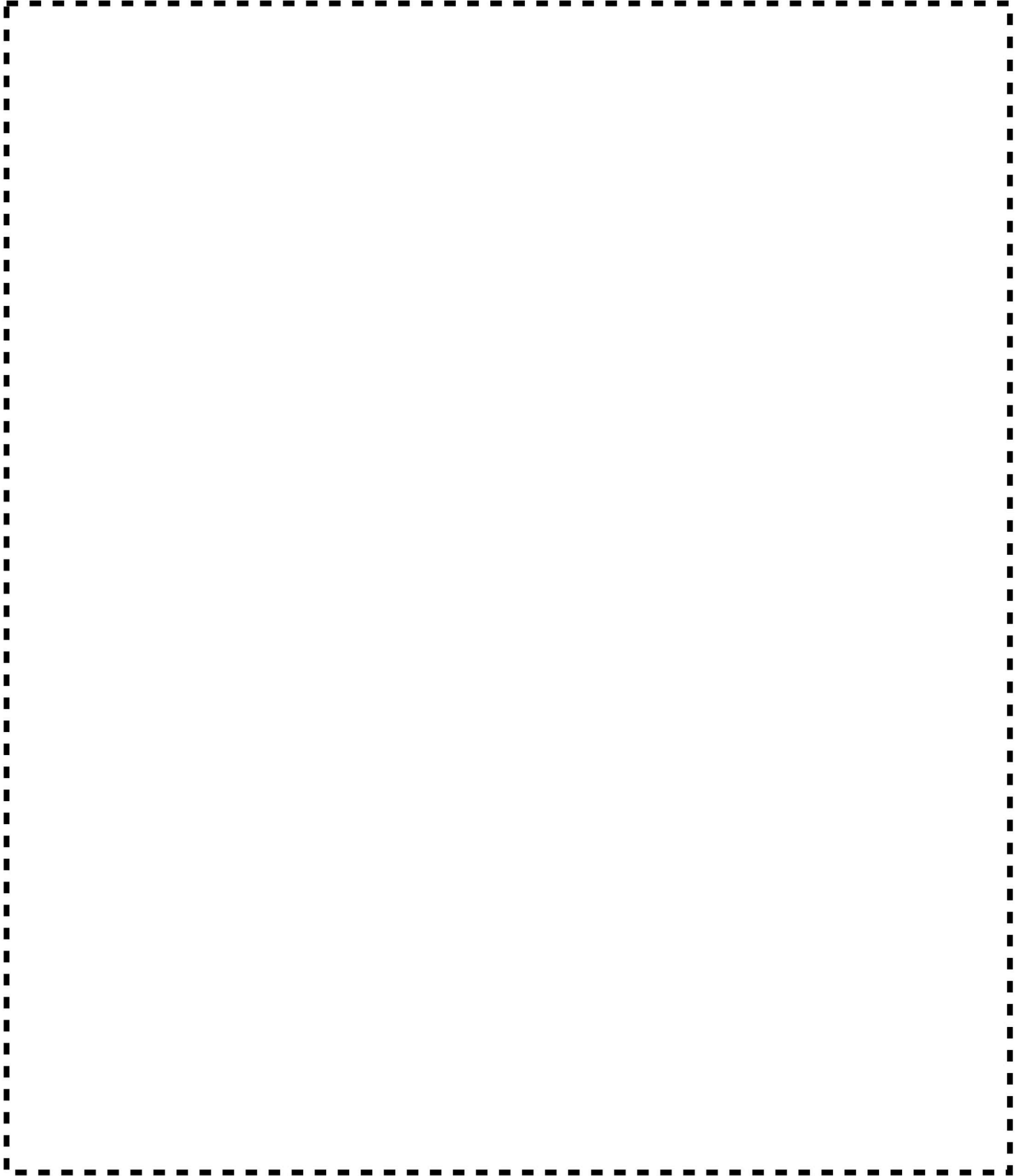
- Discussion Question: How can we make art out of objects we find in nature?
- Nature stamping is a fun and creative way to turn the beauty of the natural world into art! By using items like leaves, flowers, and even sticks as stamps, we can make unique designs and patterns on paper.
- Ask students to think about any unique shapes and textures they see in nature. Examples to think about: some fern leaves look like evergreens, walnut shells have a heart-shape inside, some flowers may be shaped like stars, bells, hearts, etc.

ACTIVITY

- Gather items on a nature walk or have a selection ready for students to choose from. Beforehand, encourage students to look for many different shapes, sizes, and textures such as leaves, flowers, sticks, seeds, acorns/ nuts, etc.
- Either pour a very shallow layer of paint onto a paper plate or use ink pads for students to coat their nature items. Then, they can "stamp" their items in the box to create unique designs, scenes, or patterns on the following page.
- When finished, students can cut out the box and paste it into their nature journals.

NATURE STAMPS

On your nature walk, gather items of all different shapes, sizes, and textures. Using either paint or an ink pad, press your nature items into the colors and “stamp” them to create your own pattern or design in the box below.



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