
NATURE JOURNAL DIY

Let's create a nature journal!

MATERIALS

- **Large piece of cardboard (1)**
 - **Construction or white printer paper (10 sheets)**
 - **Markers, colored pencils, or crayons**
 - **Scissors (1)**
 - **Hole punch (1)**
 - **Yarn, any color**
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STEP 1

Gather your construction or white printer paper. These pieces will be the inside pages of your journal. You can cut these pages smaller if you like, but remember that you need the paper large enough to write or draw on.



STEP 2

Cut the cardboard into two pieces, ideally the same size as your paper. These two cardboard pieces will be your front and back cover.



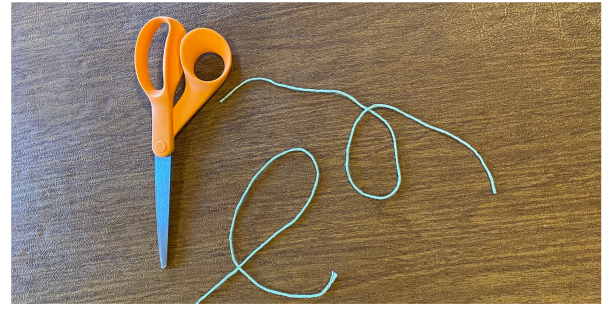
STEP 3

Create an organized stack of your papers. With your hole punch, punch two holes into your papers. One hole should be near the top of the page, and one should be near the bottom. If you have large pieces of paper, you may choose to punch a third hole in the paper between the two holes already created.



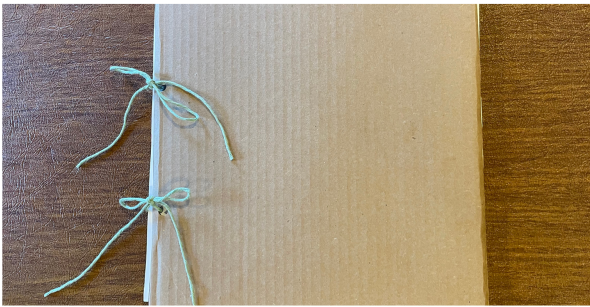
STEP 4

Punch two holes in your cardboard pieces, matching them to your paper. If you punch three holes into your larger piece of paper, cut three holes into the cardboard pieces.



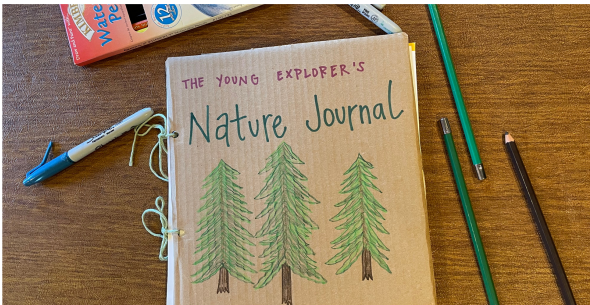
STEP 5

Cut one 10-inch piece of yarn for every hole you punched. For example, if you hole-punched two holes in all your pages and covers, you would cut two pieces of yarn.



STEP 6

Assemble your cover pages and papers. Place one cardboard cover underneath your entire stack of papers, lining holes. Then, place your front cover page on top, lining up the holes again. Thread one of your yarn pieces through the top hole. Tie the yarn into a knot, like you would when you tie your shoes. By tying this like your shoelaces, you can untie it and add more pages to your journal in the future.



STEP 7

Now that your journal is assembled, it's time to decorate! Grab your colored pencils, crayons, or markers. Name your nature journal and write it on the front cover. Draw nature-themed drawings around the name and on the back cover.

STEP 8

With a grownup or their permission, head outside and begin journaling!



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