

**Required Materials:** A variety of natural materials (acorns, whole nuts, sticks, rocks, bark, seeds, etc.), craft glue or a glue stick, stick-on eyes, yarn, construction paper, markers, scissors, example(s) of tree creatures

**Description:** Children will create a creature that uses a tree as a habitat or source of food using natural or recycled materials.

- Have children create a list of animals that live in trees. Each child can select one of the animals on the list to create with natural materials.
- Take children outside to collect a variety of natural materials for this activity. These materials can be collected ahead of time if weather or time does not permit.
- Spread the natural materials out on a table along with other required materials.
- Use an example tree creature to give children an idea of what they can create. Encourage originality.
- Have each child come to the table and select a few materials to begin creating their tree creature.
- Use the craft glue or glue gun to attach materials (only adults should use the glue gun).
- Encourage children to share the creatures they created and discuss how their creature relies on a tree.



**Examples:**



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