

SAINT LOUIS ART MUSEUM

Wee Wednesday: Nature

Book: *My Friend Earth* written by Patricia MacLachlan and illustrated by Francesca Sanna

Art: [*Monkey Mask*, Mumuye artist](#)

[*Door Board \(Jovo or Tale\)*, Kanak artist](#)

Mixed-Media Nature Collages

Materials

- Cardboard, paper, or another flat surface
- Items from nature such as flower petals, leaves, rocks, sticks, etc.
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- Drawing materials such as colored pencils, crayons, or markers



Instructions

- Examine your objects from nature closely. What about their color, shape, or texture interests you? Use that curiosity to inspire your design.
- Arrange your natural objects on your surface and attach them with glue or tape, or simply place the objects in your desired location to create an impermanent collage that can be photographed.
- Use drawing materials to add additional details such as color or designs.

Additional Book Suggestions

These titles may be available at your local library.

The Hike by Alison Farrell

Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt by Kate Messner