

Color Match

Parent Notes: The activity below suggests using paint chips from a hardware or paint store. Instead, find various colors throughout pamphlets, brochures and magazines and create your own "Paint chips". Before you head out into nature, take the paint chips you have created and store them in a cloth bag, reusable baggie or container. Remember to recycle these materials when you are done.

Considerations: Review Leave No Trace Principles before beginning an activity/lesson. Stay on the trail. Our smallest of plants and animals depend on you. Be sure you can identify poison ivy. Check for ticks after each adventure. Wear appropriate shoes or clothing.

Let's Begin!

This activity will help you see that there are a ton of different colors in nature, if you take the time to really look. A good scientist makes thoughtful and careful observations. In this activity, you will do just that. When you are done, the world around you just might look a little different!

Materials:

1. A cloth bag with the colored paint chips.
2. Your brain.
3. Your eyeballs.

What to do:

1. Randomly draw a paint chip out of the bag.
2. Find *something in nature that you can touch* that matches the paint chip color **EXACTLY**. It has to be an exact match. Your nature object can be moss, lichen, leaves, sticks, bark, shells, anything that is not man-made that you can pick up.
3. Once you've found your match set the paint chip aside and draw a new chip. (*If you picked up the item, remember to return it to the exact place you found it. Leave No Trace Principle - Leave What You Find*).
4. Keep going until you have found a match for all the paint chips.
5. Look around, do things look a little more colorful to you now?

EXENTIONS:

1. Take pictures of the items you find, print them off and make a collage at home.
2. At Home: Try to create those colors by mixing paints and creating a masterpiece of what you experienced on your visit.