



Wildchild FESTIVAL

Festival At Home





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Summer is here which means it is time to get outside and get close to nature! Two years ago (in 2019) we hosted our wonderful WildChild festival which has inspired this pack. Everything you need to host your own wild festival at home can be found in these pages from wildlife activities, wild decorations and even wild costumes.

Get ready for a summer of wild fun!

Set the Scene

To make your festival at home extra special, transform part of your garden, outdoor area or living space into a festival scene!

Make your own Bunting

Decorate your festival area with some WildChild bunting.

You will need:

- Print outs of page 3. You can print as many as you want to make your bunting as long as you need.
- Scissors
- Colouring pencils, paints or pens
- String or wool
- Plastic free tape



Instructions:

1. Decorate the bunting design with coloured crayons, paints or pens.
2. Cut along the dotted line using your scissors. *
3. Attach your bunting to a piece of string or wool using tape.



4. Once you have attached all your bunting to the string, you can start to put it up around your festival area.

**Adult supervision advised with this activity.*





Make a Tipi



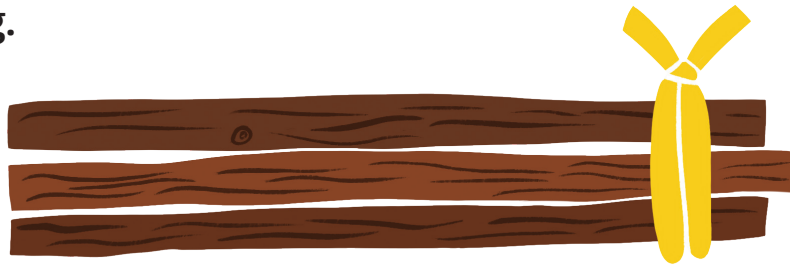
Create a tipi where your festival can take place!

You will need:

Sticks, string and an old bedsheet

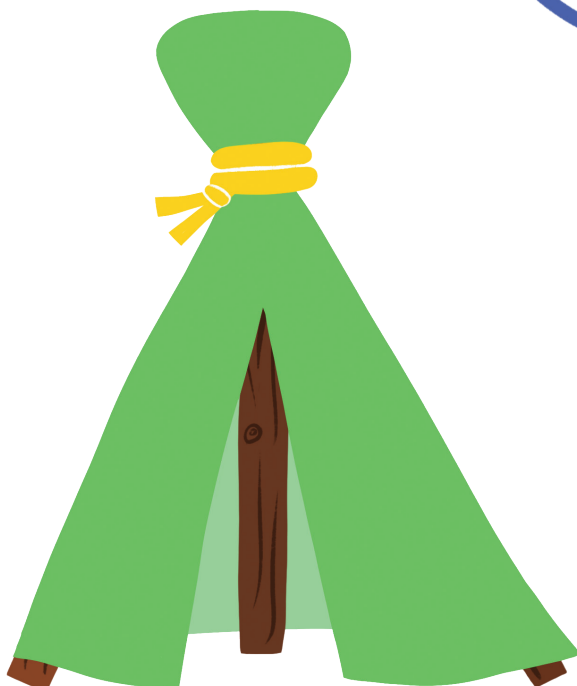
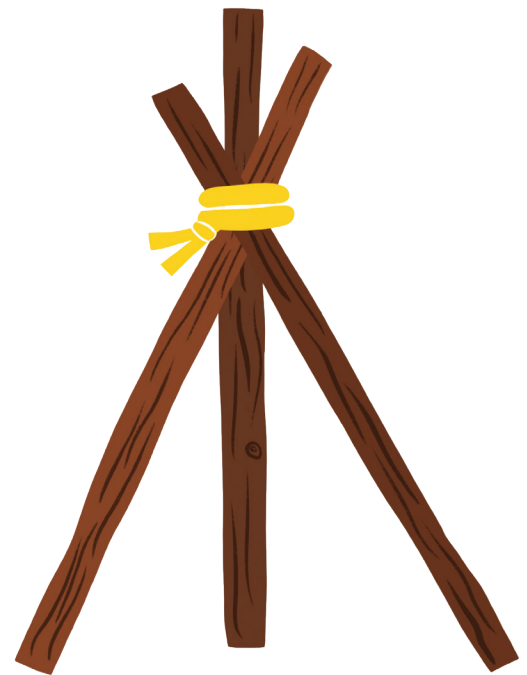
Step 1:

Lay 3 long sticks on the ground and tie them together at one end using your string.



Step 2:

Pick the sticks up and spread out each stick to create a tipi shape. If you are feeling brave tie some sticks horizontally to give it strength but remember to leave one side clear for the door!



Step 3:

Wrap your material around your tipi and you need to tie it in place.





Create Jar Lanterns



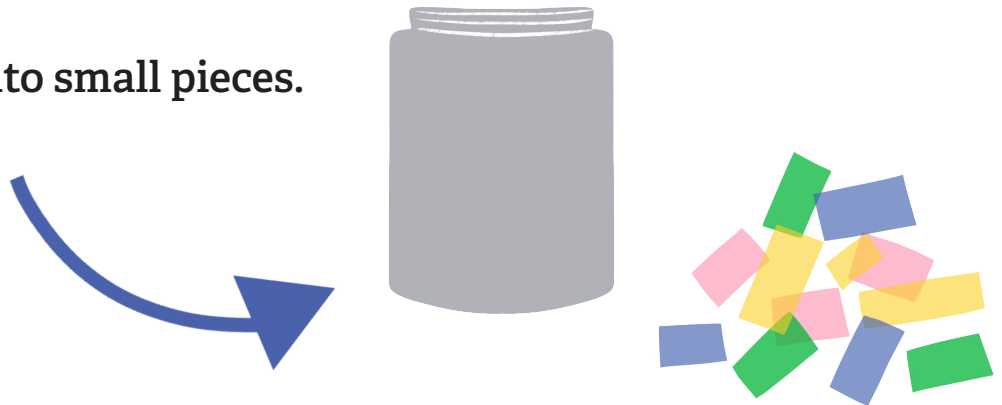
Light up your festival with homemade lanterns.

You will need:

Old jars, tissue paper/ newspaper, glue, LED candles

Step 1:

Rip up your paper into small pieces.



Step 2:

Glue the tissue paper onto your jars covering the whole of the surface. You could do a collection of decorated jars to light up your festival area.

Step 3:

Once the jars are dry, pop your one LED candle into each jar and wait for it to get darker before switching the candles on.



Make a musical rain stick



You will need

- Old cardboard tube (the thicker the better)



- Marker pen



- Nails or similar



- Masking tape



- Cardboard



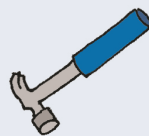
- Scissors



- Dried beans or rice



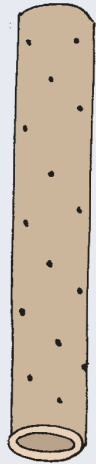
- Hammer



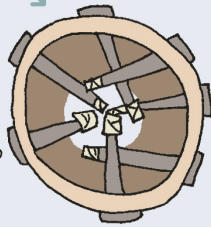
- Crayons, markers or paint



- 1 Draw dots 2cm apart along the length of the cardboard tube. They don't have to be in a straight line - a spiral pattern works well.

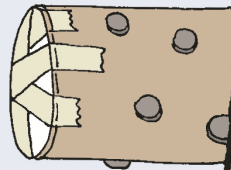
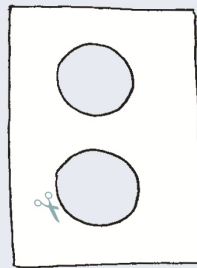


- 2 Hammer a nail into the tube at each mark (don't let the nail heads poke out through the other side).

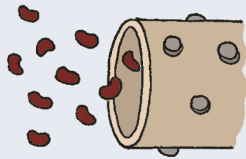


Wrap a long piece of masking tape over the nail heads so they don't injure little hands or get pulled out!

- 3 If your tube doesn't have any plastic lids, make your own by drawing round the end of the tube (twice) onto card and cutting out. Seal a lid at one end of the tube with some masking tape.



- 4 Pour a handful of dried beans or rice into the tube, then secure the open end with a lid and tape.



- 5 Decorate the outside of the tube - you may want to draw on your favourite wildlife and flowers or you may have a theme - it is completely up to you!



- 6 When you have finished decorating it, gently tip the tube upside down and listen to the rain!



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Pine cone creatures



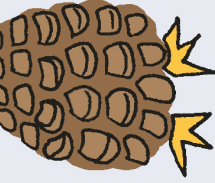
You will need

- Pinecones
- Craft foam, felt or card
- Scissors
- PVA glue and double-sided sticky tape

Various things (as many natural as possible) to make your animal, such as:

- Leaves
- Acorn cups
- Berries or googly eyes

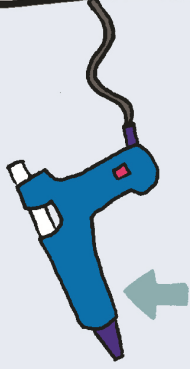
Always check what berries are before you pick them because some can be harmful to people!



1 Decide what animal you want to make. If you want it to stand, pick a pine cone that will stay upright and make and glue on the feet first.

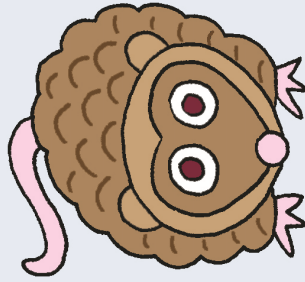


2 Add legs or wings and eyes and ears using the materials you've collected.

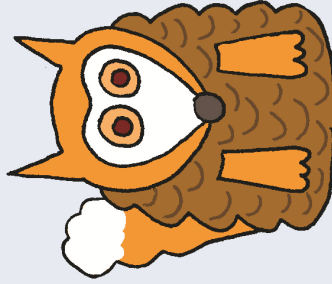


PVA should stick most things, but ask an adult to help if you need to use a hot glue gun.

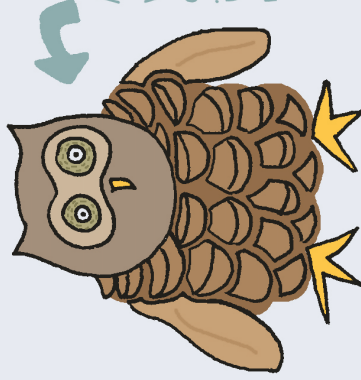
Here are a few examples to get you inspired...



mouse



fox



Acorn cups with berries or googly eyes in the centre make great eyes!

owl

Create your Crowd

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Garden Spotter Sheet

Go out into your garden or local green area to see how many species you can spot.



Blue Tit



Robin



Blackbird



Dandelion



Daisies



**Painted
Lady
Butterfly**



Spider



Hoverfly



**Earth
worm**

Can you spot anything else? Note anything else you spot here _____



House Sparrow



Starling



Hedgehog



Peacock Butterfly



Bumblebee



Ladybird



Snail



Woodlouse



Shield Bug



Make a Leaf Creature



Make your own wild and wonderful creatures out of leaves.

You will need:

Lots of different types of leaves (big leaves, small leaves, colourful leaves and leaves with different shapes and sizes)

Glue

Googly eyes/ eye stickers/ pen

Paper



Arrange your leaves to make leaf creatures. When you are happy glue them to the paper and add eyes.



To make other wild creatures, you might like to use other natural materials like feathers or moss.

Let your imagination run wild!





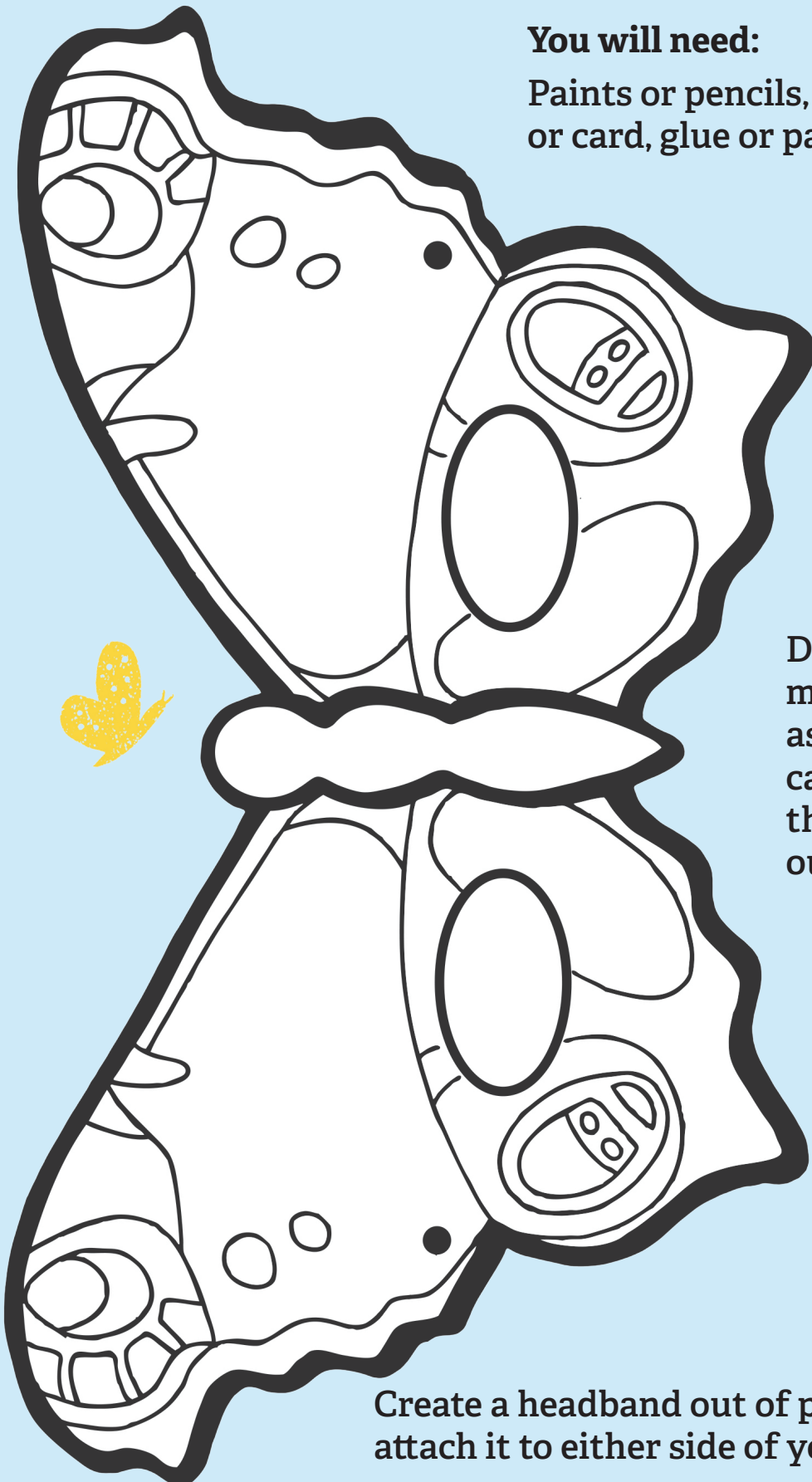
Make a Mask



Use paints, pencils or natural materials to create your own peacock butterfly mask.

You will need:

Paints or pencils, scissors, paper or card, glue or paper tape.



Decorate your mask making it as colourful as you want and then carefully cut along the thick black line and cut out the eye holes*.



Create a headband out of paper or card and attach it to either side of your mask.

*This activity will require adult supervision



Make a Hapa Zome!

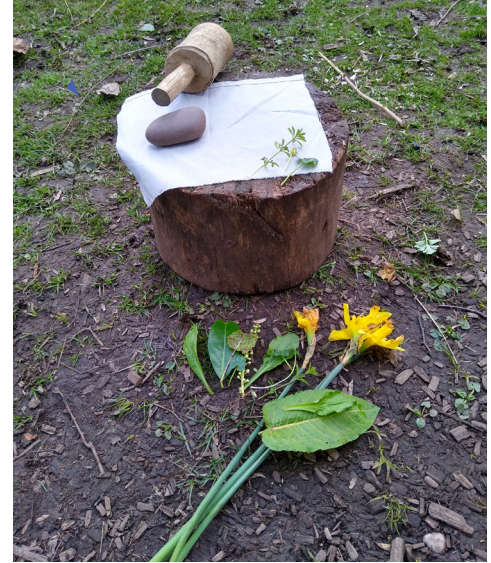
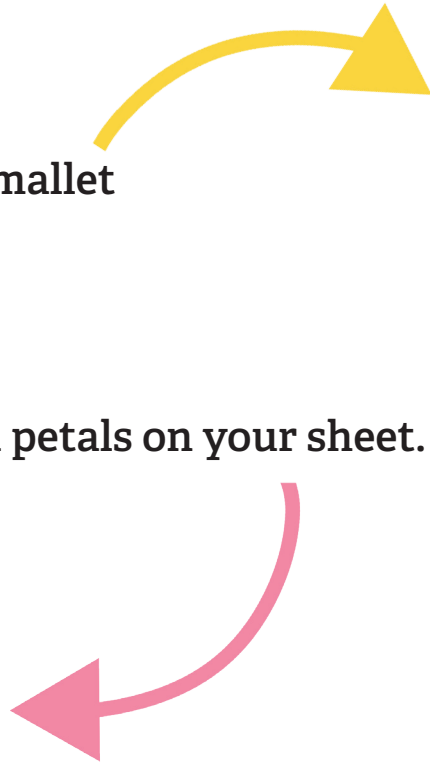
Create a colourful leaf and petal print design.

You will need:

- An old sheet
- Material cut to size
- Big stone or wooden mallet
- Leaves and flowers

Step 1:

Place your leaves and petals on your sheet.



Step 2:

Fold your material in half.
Use your wooden mallet or big stone to gently bash the folded material.



Open your material to reveal your design. We created a butterfly but there are so many designs you could create. Let your imagination run wild!



Make your own nectar bar

wildlife
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No matter how big or small your space, there's lots you can do to help our insects!

Window box nectar bar

- 1 You'll need a window box (or two if you've got space) with drainage holes.



- 2 Use peat-free compost in your window box.



- 3 Stock up on pollinator friendly plants that are suitable for window boxes. Choose from...



Lavender



Thyme



Sage



Early crocus



Agrimony



Rosemary

- 4 Water regularly over spring and summer!



A garden border

- 1 Identify a strip of your garden border that you can keep just for pollinators.

- 2 Dig up any old roots to prepare your border.

- 3 Choose your pollinator friendly plants. We recommend:



Foxglove



Vipers bugloss



Buddleia



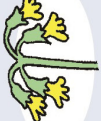
Borage



Oxeye daisy



Yarrow

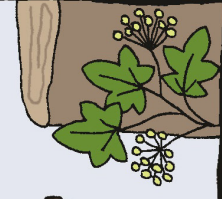


Cowslip



Hellebore

- 4 If you have a fence, wall or tree stump grow ivy and honeysuckle against it! Ivy flowers in autumn so is a great source of nectar later in the year.





Make a Nature Crown

Turn yourself into the king or queen of your festival with your own nature crown.

You will need:

Paper, double sided tape or glue, scissors, stapler, coloured pencils and wild materials (flowers, leaves, twigs, moss- whatever takes your fancy!)



Step 1:

Cut out and decorate the headbands (on page 15) and attach together using glue, double sided tape or a stapler. This will be the base of the crown and will need to fit around your head.



Step 2:

Apply glue or double sided tape* to the front of your headband and start to stick your natural materials to your crown.

*If using double sided tape, peel back the top layer before applying your wild materials.

Step 3:

Once everything is secured (and glue has dried) staple the crown together making sure it fits your head well.

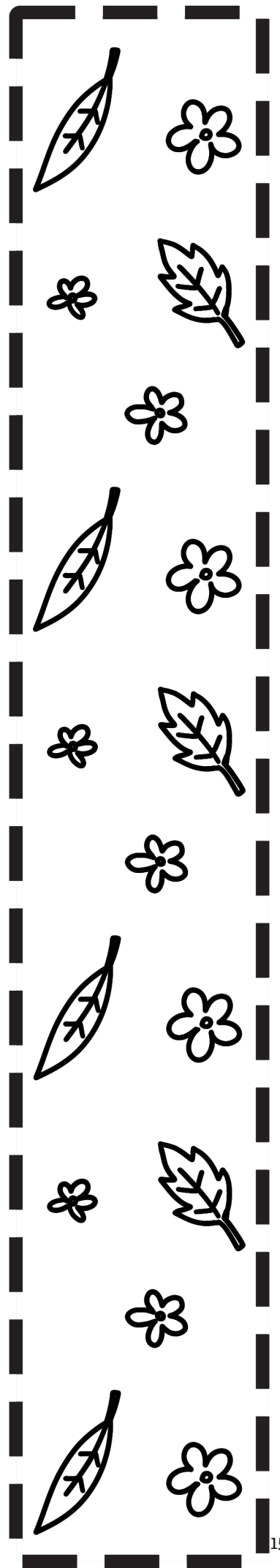
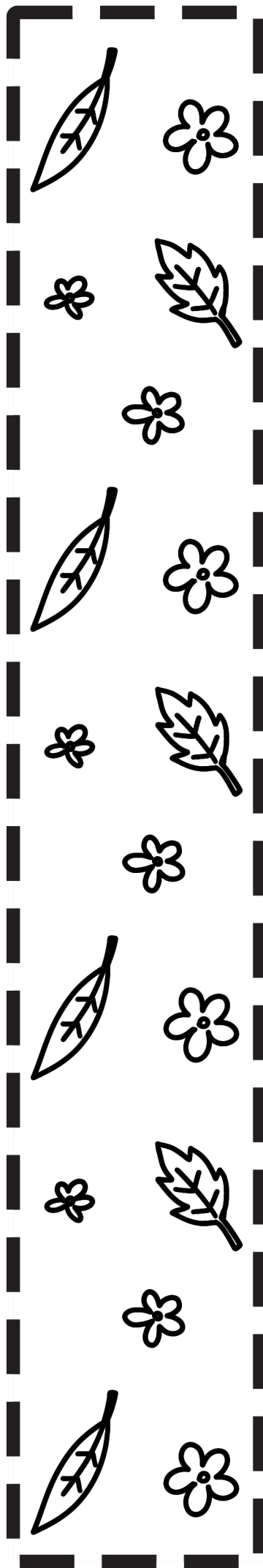
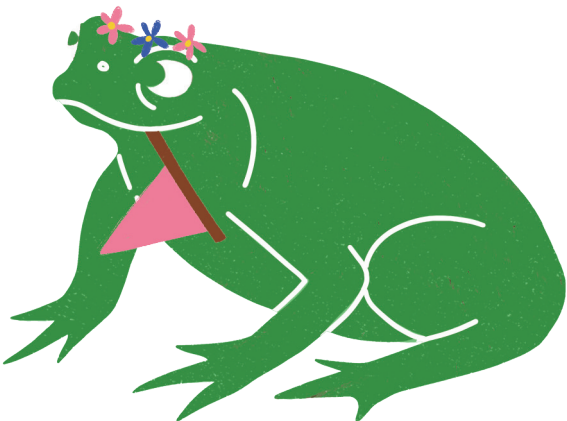


Now wear your crown with pride!



Headband Template

(print and cut out
as many as you need)





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