

Smash and smell

Collect natural items of as many different colours as you can, try to get some berries, flowers, leaves etc but no hard spiky items such as pine cones or holly.

Open up a sheet of acetate and layout your nature findings on the inside white sheet. Close the plastic sheet over and then smash with your hands, a stick or a flat pebble.

Peel off the top piece of plastic to see, feel and smell the colourful results. You should get an instant wave of smells as you peel it away. What marks have you made? What colours are there? Has anything changed colour?

Extending the activity

To ensure a successful colourful result you may also want to pre buy some raspberries, blackberries, blackcurrants or similar items that can be easily squashed to produce smells and juice. Mint and basil leaves are rich in oils and will crush easily producing strong smells.

