Build a Tiny Home

This activity is adapted from NatureBridge.

Time: 15-45 minutes

Materials: Outside space needed with ground + natural items (rocks, sticks, leaves, moss, etc.) Optional plastic animal/action figure/painted rock etc. as creature to build home for.

---

1. **You are going to be building a tiny home for a creature in a natural space (i.e. a yard, garden, or small park). This creature can be a plastic animal/action figure/painted rock etc. OR it can be imaginary.**
2. **Before you begin building your tiny home, think about the following questions:**
    a. What kind of home does your creature need? Does it need walls, a roof, a bed, etc.?
    b. What kind of weather does your creature need to be protected from?
    c. How can you make your home comfortable for your creature?
3. **Build away! Find natural objects that can be used to make your home. Be creative! Keep in mind the following rules:**
    a. Be careful of thorns and other sharp objects and listen to adult instructions for boundaries and safety.
    b. DO NOT remove anything that is alive, rooted in the ground, or attached to a living plant. Also, make sure you are not taking apart a real animal home!
4. **Give a tour of your tiny home! Share what you built with an adult or friend. Make sure to tell them what materials you used and why!**
5. **If you are in a public place, deconstruct your home before you leave. Remember, we always want to leave a place better than we found it. Real animals might need to use these materials to make their own homes!**