



Science Viewers

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Science Viewers Activity

Materials:

- Wonderfoam® sheets (Item #31081)
- Jumbo natural craft sticks (Item #88913)
- All-purpose glue (Item #47358)

Optional Materials:

- Hot glue gun (Item #18570)
- Markers to write name on viewer (Item #40459)



Process:

1. Cut foam sheets in half horizontally.
2. Predraw a rectangle 1" inside the border of the foam sheet, and then cut it out. Repeat using another foam sheet.
3. Children choose 2 foam sheets and 1 jumbo craft stick each.
4. Make the handle for the viewer by gluing 1 jumbo craft stick to a short end of one of the foam sheets. Place glue along all other exposed edges of the foam sheet. Place second foam sheet on top of the first, so all edges are aligned, and press to help glue stick. Make sure the borders are even so as to not obscure the viewer opening.
5. Write name on foam viewer or craft stick.
6. Take children on a walk through their classroom. Ask them to look for items, colors, shapes, etc., and have them examine those items with the viewer. Point out details, and have children add on their own ideas about what they see. Go outside and hunt for nature items with the viewers. What color is it? How big is it? What is it used for?



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