



Hidden Hollow at Home

## Nature MOBILES



### Materials

- Gathered treasures from nature: flowers, leaves, ferns, seeds, sticks, feathers, shells, pinecones
- Thread, string or twine
- Coat hanger
- Optional: Hot glue gun

### Preparation

1. Explore outside and collect some beautiful natural elements; bring along a basket or bag to collect your finds.
2. Arrange your pieces of nature on a table. Look at their size, shapes and form. Consider which pieces work well together.
3. Optional: break a few sticks into smaller lengths, then arrange into shapes. Use three sticks to form a triangle and four for square or a diamond. Bind the sticks together by winding thread around them until they hold fast. Use a dot of hot glue to help your shapes stay in place.
4. Once all of your mobile pieces are ready, attach various lengths of string to the top of each one. Attach your elements to a coat hanger and display in your house or yard.

### Tips

- If you want a completely natural look, replace the coat hanger with a larger stick and a piece of string. For a fancy twist try assembling all of your pieces to an embroidery hoop or wreath form.
- See if you can make multiple tiers for your mobile and create balance.
- Use a hole-puncher or paint to elevate your leaves, flowers and shells.