

# walking mountains<sup>®</sup> *science center*

## Spring Fling

Can you name the season in each of the following pictures?



Do you know what season we are in? Here in Colorado sometimes it can be hard to tell.

That's right we are in Spring. The time of year when the days are getting longer, the weather is warming up, the birds are singing, and the flowers and trees are starting to bloom.

What is the weather like in Spring? How is it different than winter? What is your favorite part of spring? What is your favorite season?

We can see signs of spring everywhere we look outside. Please use the Signs of Spring Scavenger Hunt Card as a guide to spy spring while in your yard or on a walk in your own neighborhood. Caregivers, please go over the items in the list and how each one relates to spring. Guide child to find the following items by asking questions and giving hints. Take the time to listen for birds singing!

## Signs of Spring Scavenger Hunt



A small plant



An insect or a worm



A puddle



Animal tracks



A bird



Something brown



Something green



Something yellow



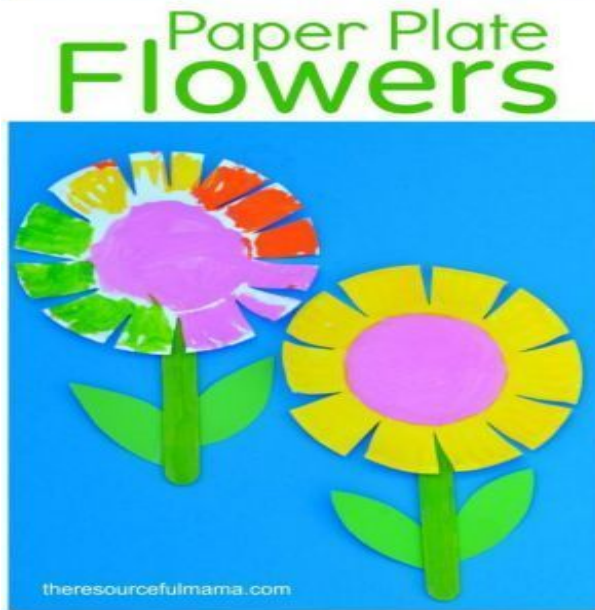
Something blue



Something Special to YOU

## **Paper Plate Flower Craft**

<https://garden7.enuygunevdenevenakliyat.com/60-creative-for-kids-spring-crafts-preschool-creative-maxx-ideas/>



### **Materials:**

Paper plate

Markers, crayons or paints

Scissors

Green construction paper for the stem and leaves, or find a stick outside for the stem

Glue

### **Instructions:**

1. Color the paper plate
2. Snip the edges of the plate to create the petals
3. Glue the stem on
4. Hang in your window to spread cheer to your neighbors walking by

## **Build a Bird Nest Activity**

Gather sticks, leaves and other natural materials to build a bird nest with while on a neighborhood walk. Build a nest with the materials collected. What kind of bird would you be? What would your feathers look like? How big would you be? What would be your favorite thing to eat as a bird be? What color would your eggs be?

Scientists love collecting data, and taking pictures to help them remember things. If you would like to try being a scientist, you can draw your nest below!

**My Nest:**

# Handprint Gardens

3-5 Pre-School

30 Minutes

## An Activity for Preschoolers:

An adorable, personalized creation to celebrate spring!

## Before You Begin:

This project begins with the child making a handprint with a stamp pad or paint. These handprint procedures should be supervised closely by an adult.

## Activity Goals:

To teach children about plants and seasons

## Furthermore:

This activity can also be done with finger paint or tempera paint. Follow the same procedures as listed above. You may choose to have children create the flowers with a paint brush instead of fingers. The main part of the plant should still be the child's handprint.



## let's get started

- 1 Have children make a handprint on paper with green paint or the stamp pads.
- 2 Children can use other brightly colored stamp pads to create finger print flower petals.
- 3 Have the children use markers or other craft materials to add to their creation.
- 4 Use craft tape to add a fun border around the page.