



## Day 8: Nature Imprints

### Natural Crafting

Yesterday we made [land art](#) and today we'll be using nature to make awesome imprints.

We can capture nature's many shapes with a simple dough recipe. Like we said yesterday, Imago Rangers is continuing to work with our natural landscape to create something magical.

Today we are going to work with salt dough, an easy and very accessible way to make nature imprints.

### Salt Dough Recipe

1/2 cup salt
1 cup flour
1/2 cup water
Materials for making imprints

### Instructions

*A note to parents: this can get messy: begin mixing with newspaper laid down.*

- 1.) Mix salt and flour together in a large bowl
- 2.) Gradually stir in water, a tablespoon at a time
- 3.) Take dough out of your bowl, if your dough is still sticky knead in one tbl. of flour until the dough no longer sticks to your hands and the lumps are gone
- 4.) Once your dough is smooth, lay it flat on a table/bench and roll out with a rolling pin or round bottle. Side note: It's not a bad idea to use a piece of parchment paper to sandwich your dough in between (to keep it from tearing/sticking to the rolling pin).



5.) You can make imprints with the items you find in your backyard! (a leaf, twig, acorn, etc). Have fun and be creative! There is no wrong way to make your imprint. Put a hole in your salt dough to make an ornament!

6.) Let your dough dry in a sunny window, it will take about 4 hours to dry completely. Thread string through the hole to make an ornament.

### Nature Rubbings

Another great way to record impressions in nature is by taking **rubbings**. Similar to your salt dough molds, but this time you use crayons and paper. For rubbings, flat-ish pieces of nature work best, such as bark, thin rocks, and leaves. Place a piece of paper over your findings, then take a crayon and rub the crayon lightly onto your piece of paper over your finding. Almost like magic, the shape and texture of your piece of nature will appear on the paper. You can make some really cool designs with different colors and different shaped leaves!



### Journal Prompt:

Look at the rubbings you've collected, what do you notice about the different details you've taken?

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**Tomorrow's Theme:** Nature Paint Brushes

**Time to explore! - Maura, Mud Queen**