



## Day 1: Nature Journaling

### Why make a nature journal

We are kicking things off by talking about how to make your very own nature journal! As an Imago Ranger, this is where you can record what you see and do and then revisit it later. The best thing about having a nature journal is that there are endless creative ways to use it! You can make bar charts that show how many different types of birds you've seen in your yard, or create a comic strip about what a day in the life of an ant might be like, or just draw the cool fossil you found!

Each Imago Ranger day we'll add one idea for things you can do in your journal!

### Journal Ideas and Resources

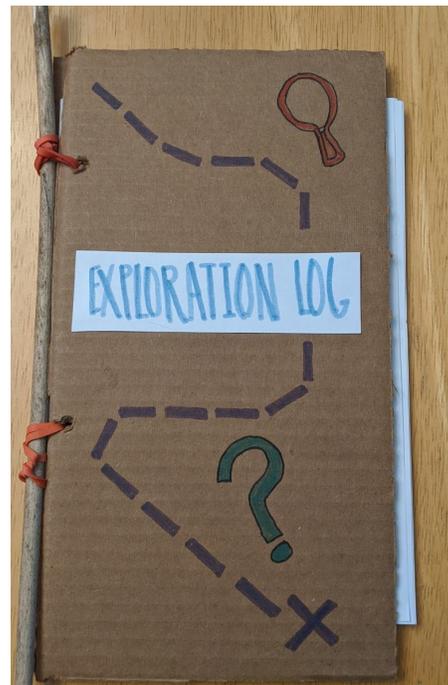
There isn't one right way to make a journal. Take a look below to see some of our suggestions

1. **List of ideas on homemade journals** - great for seeing different styles and levels of difficulty - [Easy Handmade Journals for Kids](#).
2. **Here's one of our favorites**. Easy and has a pocket to keep your nature findings - [Paper Bag Journals](#).
3. **How to bind is up to you**. You can staple, glue, sew, or use ribbon. The [Easy Handmade Journals for Kids](#) link shares a nice design for how to bind a journal with a stick and rubber bands. Don't use glue if you think you'll want to add more pages.
4. **Cardboard or Cereal Boxes** are great for making covers
5. Decorate your journal any way you like. The materials you use don't need to be an exact match aesthetically for your journal to be a success! Take a look at Ms. Sara's journal for inspiration!

**Most importantly have fun trying out creative ways to put together your journal!**

### Ms. Sara's Journal

I made one yesterday using materials I had lying around the house. My "Exploration Log" was made using an old Amazon box, printer paper, rubber bands, and a stick I found in my backyard. Truly whatever supplies you have on hand will make a wonderful journal!



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**Tomorrow's Theme:** Sit Spots

**Happy journaling!**

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