Day 9: Nature Paint Brushes

**Nature Paint Brush**

A Nature Paint Brush is like a regular paintbrush, but it comes from nature instead of a store! You can make your own nature brushes with materials you find in your kitchen or outside.

To make your nature paintbrush you can use a wide variety of materials. For the handle, you can use sticks, chopsticks, clothespins, honeysuckle branches, etc. For the brush portion, you can use materials such as leaves, pine needles, dried grass, twigs, or flowers. Anything that is long and thin and that you can tie to a stick will work. Feel free to experiment!

After you’ve found all of the materials for your brush, tie your handle and bristles together. You can use anything from hairbands, rubber bands or string to tie the two pieces together.

Be creative and play around with different paintbrush materials to see what works best for you.

**Thicker paint (like acrylic) and paper work best for this painting project**

**A Brush with the Past**

Our ancestors were artists themselves: they used sticks, their hands, charcoal, and ground-up rock pigment to draw images on cave walls. Some of these images are still around today, thousands of years later.

Take a virtual tour of Lascaux caves, located all the way in Eastern France! These caves hold the third oldest cave paintings in the world! [Lascaux Caves](#)

**Journal Prompt**

Use your new paintbrush to create a masterpiece in your journal!

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**Tomorrow’s Theme:** Cardboard Upcycling

**Time to explore!**

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