WILD CHILD ACTIVITIES

PLANT SCULPTURE

A plant sculpture is a fun way to design and grow plants, vegetables, or herbs in a vertical planter.

- 1. Gather all your supplies: 4-5 terra cotta pots, potting soil, herbs, vegetables or plants, and a wooden stake or rod
- 2. Gather colorful paint or permanent marker.
- 3. Make your own designs and let it dry
- 4. Fill your pots with potting soil 3/4 of the way full and place the rod in the center. Plant your herbs or flowers on the outermost edge and add more dirt as filler as needed.
- 5. Place the base where you want your vertical planter to be (it's best to build where you want it.)



PRODUCE BAGS

1. Gather the following items: T-Shirt, $\stackrel{\text{\tiny }}{=}$ scissors, $\stackrel{\text{\tiny }}{\nearrow}$ fabric pen, $\stackrel{\text{\tiny }}{/}$ and sewing kit

- Lay the T-Shirt flat and mark where you want to make the cuts with a fabric pen. Cut off the sleeves and neck, creating an arch shape at the top. Create one large mark at the center top and trim to place your hand or arm through. Don't trim off the bottom hem.
- 3. Turn it inside out and sew what is now the bottom of your bag closed.
- 4. BONUS use the extra pieces of the T-Shirt (neckline and sleeve hem) to make your own ponytail bands.



STICK SPIDERWEB

Did you know that Alberta is host to several fascinating species of spiders! They can spin large, circular webs seemingly overnight. They Are true carnivores, and depending on the species, this can include garden pests, aphids, mosquitoes, flies, caterpillars, and pretty much anything that gets snared in their web. Don't be afraid of these small creatures, they aren't aggressive and will only bite if threatened or squeezed. When you find one in your home, please collect it carefully in a glass and give it a fresh start outside.

Make your own spider web with sticks and wool! All you need is: 3 sticks about the same size, yarn, wool or twine and scissors. *optional: masking tape
Go outside and collect sticks with your kids, overlap your sticks to make the spokes of the spider web. Join them in the middle with masking tape or twine, then use wool, yarn

or twine to spin your web. Weave the wool in and out of your sticks and round and round. It doesn't matter which way you twist it, just as long as the yarn goes around the stick and is pulled tight before moving onto the next stick. Then just tie it off and hang your spider webs on a tree in your back or front yard and watch them twirl around with the wind!

Have fun!



BUTTERFLY PUDDLER

Did you know that Butterflies **\(\)** gather around mud puddles to take in salt and minerals they need! This behavior is called PUDDLING and is mostly seen in male Butterflies.

Create your own Butterfly Puddler and give these amazing insects a place to collect minerals and nutrients for their bodies. The recipe is simple. You are basically making a mud pie! All you need is a container, mud and a solution of water, sugar, and salt.

Step by step Butterfly Puddler:

Fill the container or clay saucer with sand.

Pour the mineral mix into the sand (mix solution: 1 cup of water, 3 tsp sugar, and a pinch of salt)

Place the Butterfly Puddler in a sunny ♣ area out of strong winds ♠. Don't forget to keep the Butterfly pool wet, you'll need to refill as needed.

Optional: Make your own design by adding a couple of resting spots with river rocks or pebbles, or add a smaller saucer with fruits (2) (5) (5)

Now just wait for Butterflies to visit!



BUG COUNT

You can find the template posted on this page: https://www.sierraclub.ca/en/wild-child-online-

resources



WATER BUG HUNTING

What to take water bug hunting:

- ✓ Dip Nets
- ✓ White container
- ✓ White ice cube tray
- ✓ Magnifying glass
- ✓ Spoon



Optional: identification book

