



# Family Art Activity

You will need:

- several twigs
- string or wool
- natural material for the bristles e.g. leaves, feathers
- rubber bands

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## Make your own paintbrushes

1. Go for a walk and look out for some natural materials that have an interesting texture. Maybe some pine needles or feathery grass. Pick a variety of things to use. You will also need to collect some twigs to use for the handles.
2. Make a small bundle for the bristles of your brush; you can use the elastic band to keep it together.
3. Push your stick into the middle of this bundle; you want the natural bristles to be all around the stick if possible.
4. Wrap the string or wool several times around the handle and the bristle material, covering the elastic band to hold the bristles onto the brush. Tie the string and cut off the excess.
5. Now you are ready to paint with your brush. Each paint brush will create a different pattern or texture when painting. The more brushes, you make, the more different textures and marks you can make.

*Tip*

For very quick and easy brushes, you could use clothes pegs to hold small bundles of natural bristles.