

Make an outdoor explorer bin

- Gardening gloves
- Small trowel
- Basket
- Scissors
- Bucket and brush
- Magnifying glass
- Binoculars
- Tape measure
- Notebook
- Pens
- Double-stick tape
- Egg cartons
- Vases and jars with lids
- Twine
- Anything else that strikes your fancy!



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Even if you don't have a large natural area, kids can watch birds, draw a weed growing in a sidewalk crack, or measure something they find. Consider putting a list of questions in or on the bin to get their creative muscles working:

- What will I find when I dig using this trowel?
- What can I measure with this tape?
- What can I look at with this magnifying glass?
- What can I sort using this egg carton?
- What can I collect in this jar?
- How will this rock look after I brush and wash it?

You could have a similar bin indoors for examining or creating crafts from items kids collect outdoors (leaves, rocks, bark, etc.).