

# A Few Fun Ideas!

1. **Shadow Drawing** – For this activity, all you need is a source of light, paper, something to draw with, and an object that can make a shadow. Place the object beside the paper so that its shadow falls on the paper. Then trace the shadow! To extend this activity, move the light to create a different shadow of the same object. Another option is to cut out a shape and hang it in the window. As the day goes on, the sun will move and the shadow will move across the room. Try tracing it at different times of the day and see if there's a difference!



2. **Ice Excavation** – Find small toys, mold something out of play dough, or collect natural materials (rocks, leaves, sticks) that you can freeze in ice cubes or larger containers of ice. Then work to get the items out! You can use simple tools to chip away the ice or try heating it up in different ways. This is a good activity to practice problem solving. Frozen water balloons make great spherical ice pieces. Add watercolor paint to the water to make colorful pieces of ice. *I would steer clear of food coloring, as that is more likely to stain. Also think about what toys you want to freeze as they could be damaged as they're frozen or chipped at.*



3. **Coloring with natural materials** – Go outside and find a natural scene or object to draw with pencil or black marker: a tree, flower, leaf, mud patch, etc. Then try coloring it with the thing that was drawn. Try using a real dandelion to color a drawing of a dandelion. Can a real leaf be used to color in a leaf drawing? Have you ever tried painting with mud before? If you decide to try this, take the time to talk about caring for the earth and only using one or two flowers or a handful of leaves. You can also extract the pigment from the materials by placing them on paper or light-colored fabric and gently tapping them with a hammer.



4. **Clipboards** – Use clipboards to make drawing a possibility wherever you go! A clipboard would be useful for the two art activities on this page. Also great for scavenger hunts!