

# Tree Bark *Outdoor Activity*

## Objective:

To understand that different kinds of trees have different bark textures and patterns on their trunks.

## Supplies:

- Plain white paper
- Crayon(s)

## Method:

1. Head outside to a space where you can find a tree. A tree with a larger trunk will make this easier.
2. Hold your piece of paper up to the tree with your hand firmly.
3. Rub the crayon over the entire sheet of paper. Make sure not to move the paper around.
4. The pattern will be visible on your paper as an opposite relief pattern.

## Further Questions:

- What is the texture of your tree's bark? Rough? Smooth? Papery?
- Can you identify your tree by just looking at the bark? What other structures could you observe to help with identification?
- Try a rubbing on a different tree and compare their bark? How are they similar? How are they different?

## Additional Idea:

- Try to copy the pattern by drawing or painting on a separate sheet of paper. Can you make a similar pattern?



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