Can you create a portrait of a living organism using nonliving objects?

### What to Do

1. **Head outdoors!** Go on a nature walk in your neighborhood, at your school, or in a nearby park.

2. **Look for small nonliving items from nature you can use for a portrait.** These may include rocks, twigs, leaves, acorns, petals, etc.
   - Don’t pick anything that is still living like grass or petals, or that has been placed purposefully, like landscaping rocks.

3. **Use your nonliving items to create a portrait of a living organism**—an animal, an insect, even a self-portrait!
   - Your art can be flat like a picture or three-dimensional like a sculpture.

4. **Use glue to attach your pieces to each other or to a piece of paper or cardboard**—or use the same items to create a new portrait! How many different creations can you make?

### Did You Know?

To be classified as a **living organism**, an object must have basic needs such as food and water; breathe; move; grow and change; and reproduce. A **nonliving object** may have some characteristics of living things but does not have all of them. For example, a river can move but it cannot reproduce. Organisms can also be classified as **once living**. When a flower is plucked from a plant, it no longer has basic needs. Can you think of other examples of once living things?

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