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# Nature Frames and Paint Brushes

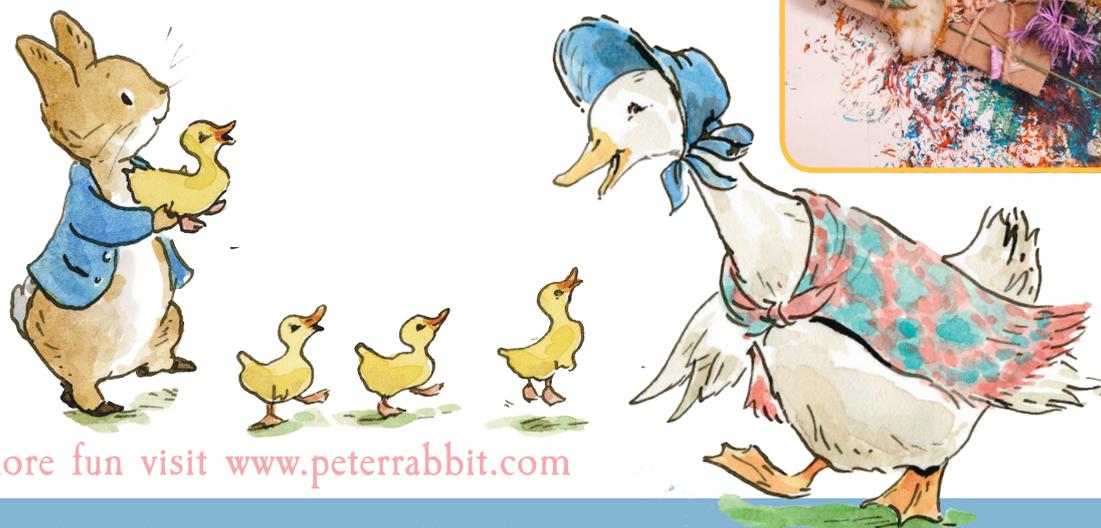
## You will need:

- \* Found treasures from your garden or nature walk: Herbs, lavender, pine, flowers and feathers work well. Several sticks or twigs for the paint brushes
- \* Cardboard
- \* Twine or string
- \* Paper to paint on
- \* Masking tape
- \* Craft glue
- \* Poster paints



## Step by step:

- \* Cut out some frame rectangular shapes out of cardboard. The ones shown measure 20cm x 15cm with a 10x5 hole cut out for the picture to go behind.
- \* Wind some twine around the frame and use masking tape to keep in place.
- \* Use masking tape tightly around the sticks and attach your nature bristles; lavender, pine leaves and rosemary give a lovely scent
- \* Mix some paints and enjoy using your natural paint brushes to create a mini masterpiece!
- \* Decorate the frames by weaving in leaves or flowers and gluing petals or smaller nature finds onto the frame.
- \* Once everything has dried, use the frame as a viewfinder to choose the favourite part of the painting.
- \* Cut the chosen area of the painting to just a little bit less than the size of the frame.
- \* Stick the painting to the back of the frame, painting side facing outwards, with the masking tape. Press down around the sides to flatten.
- \* Admire your final artworks!



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