

### Nature Returns

Spring has sprung once again. Below are some fun activities making the most of what this time of year has to offer.



#### Seed Bombs

Sprinkling seed on open soil can be very rewarding, mix that by throwing seed bombs instead and it can be very entertaining.

These bombs are made up of soil, clay and seeds. They can be made up to use right away or once fully dried they can be stored for later antics.

Instructions found at [oscn.nz/files/seedbombs.pdf](https://oscn.nz/files/seedbombs.pdf)



#### Clay Impressions

Nature is at its most beautiful in spring, but often the flowers and flourishes are short lived.

Taking your favourite flower or foliage and rolling it into clay means you can keep it for longer. These also make a gorgeous little gift.

Instructions found at [oscn.nz/files/clayimpressions.pdf](https://oscn.nz/files/clayimpressions.pdf)

#### Mini Greenhouse

Planting a garden can be tons of fun, and starting from seeds is a great way to learn about nature.

Many seeds need a bit of TLC to get going so these mini greenhouses are a great way to get your garden growing. All it takes is a small pot, an empty plastic bottle, some soil and some seeds and you're set to go.

Instructions found at [oscn.nz/files/minigreenhouse.pdf](https://oscn.nz/files/minigreenhouse.pdf)



#### Rainbow Leaf Prints



Trees and other plants come into their biggest foliage bloom during spring. This craft takes a few fresh leaves from the tree and uses them as a stamp base to make and incredible rainbow artwork.

Instructions found at [oscn.nz/files/rainbowleafprints.pdf](https://oscn.nz/files/rainbowleafprints.pdf)

#### Links

Check out the OSCN craft page [oscn.nz/activities](https://oscn.nz/activities) for more ideas

Check our pinterest page [pinterest.nz/jooscn](https://pinterest.nz/jooscn)

### Cork



#### Mini Cork Pinboard

Got some pictures to hang up but nowhere to pin them? This mini cork board is made from round corks, cut into slices and then glued onto card. This can then be hung on a door, or hook to be able to pin up your favourite photos.

If you have lots of photos or notes you like to pin up why not collect more corks and make a bigger version.

Instructions found at [oscn.nz/files/corkpinboard.pdf](https://oscn.nz/files/corkpinboard.pdf)

#### Cork Boats



#### DIY Cork Coasters

Cork is an amazing soft, versatile material to work with and a great base for DIY coasters.

This craft uses cork coasters as the base then adding some acrylic paint to give it a stylish DIY look. These make great items to protect the table and also great gifts.

Instructions found at [oscn.nz/files/diycorkcoasters.pdf](https://oscn.nz/files/diycorkcoasters.pdf)

Did you know corks float? Well they do and these little boats use the power of cork to keep them above water.

The base of the boat is made from three corks held together with rubber bands. A small sail is added and its time to set sail.

Instructions found at [oscn.nz/files/corkboats.pdf](https://oscn.nz/files/corkboats.pdf)

#### Cork Animals

Corks also make a great base for mini animal characters. Champagne corks with rounded tops make a natural head shape but any shape cork would work with these little critters.

Each cork is painted a base colour then a few small card embellishments are added followed by the final painted/drawn details to make these critters.

Instructions found at [oscn.nz/files/corkanimals.pdf](https://oscn.nz/files/corkanimals.pdf)



#### Resources

**Basic Corks** can be found at many discount and craft stores.

**Cork coasters** are usually easy to find at discount or craft stores, however if you are having trouble then most coasters have a cork base you could flip them over and decorate.