

Tree Textures

Things to Do Together

We are exploring our sense of touch by feeling all kinds of natural things. Here are some activities you and your child can do together:

- Make a secret sock by putting a cup in a large sock. Hide something inside the cup, and let your child reach in and feel the object. Encourage him or her to describe it and to guess what it is before peeking.
- Practice using texture words to describe things in and around your home, such as smooth, hard, soft, bumpy, scratchy, or squishy.
- Touch different tree barks to compare their textures.
- Take a texture outing around your neighborhood to collect interesting objects that have fallen from trees. Talk about how the objects feel, and describe them with adjectives such as rough, bumpy, prickly, or slippery. Choose the texture that is your favorite.

→ **Family, Friends, and Forests:** Talk about different textures you might find in a forest—hard, soft, scratchy, and so on.



Not everything in nature is safe to touch. Learn together about things children should avoid touching (poison oak, poison ivy, thorns, etc.) and encourage children to teach others.

Help build your child's vocabulary by using some of these new words in your conversations:

We are reading the following books. Check them out from your library, and invite your child to share them with you.

