

FOOD CHAIN: ART ENRICHMENT

NESTING TUBES

This activity is a follow-up craft to be completed after the outdoor experience.

Now that you have gone outside and created your food chain, you can draw out and create a model to take home! Draw, color, cut out and glue the images of your food chain onto the 5 tubes which represent different links in the chain; then, starting with the smallest, have each member of the model chain “eaten” by the next until all of them are “consumed” by the top member. Each tube “nests” within the next to vividly illustrate how a food chain works.

Materials

- Nesting tubes (5 different sizes)
- 2 white end caps
- Papers to draw out your food chain
- Glue stick
- Colored pencils
- Scissors (you provide)



Instructions

- Using the food chain you created outside as a guide, draw out your food chain on the papers provided or directly onto the tube. Use this as a guide as to which tube represents which part of your food chain.
 1. (Smallest paper/tube) Sun
 2. Producer (plant)
 3. Primary Consumer (prey-plant eater)
 4. Secondary Consumer (predator-meat eater)
 5. (Largest tube) Decomposer
- Color your food chain drawings with colored pencils.
- Cut out your Food Chain drawings.
- Glue your Food Chain drawings onto the correct sized tubes with your glue sticks.
- Once they are dried, you can stack your food chain by “nesting” each part of the food chain into the next!
- Place the end caps on each end to contain all the tubes when you are done!



(Example of how to stack the tubes)