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Mission: Raven Hill provides a place that enhances hands-on and lifelong learning for all ages by connecting science, history & the arts.

Inspector cups

Sometimes it takes something simple to help the little ones (or anyone) to focus on something. To help kids observe an ant hill or small rocks in the driveway or a flower, an Inspector Cup helps to block out the background, so you can concentrate on a single object or area. Cut the bottom out of a Styrofoam or opaque plastic cup. Put your name on the outside and decorate, if you want. The inspector cup is ready to use right away. Turn the cup upside down over an object and observe all you can—size, shape, color, parts, movement, patterns, etc. inspector cups work really well on an ant hill, so that you can watch the ants come and go. When you are done observing, put your inspector cup away for another time.



1 Supplies



2. Cut out bottom of cup



3 Inspector cup ready to use



4 Use cup to check out an ant hill



5 Use cup to look close at a plant



6 Use cup to find a favorite rock



7 Inspect a mushroom