Make a Evergreen Press Pendant

Materials:
Waxed paper **Air-Dry Clay** **Yarn**
Toothpick

Directions:

1. Explore outside! Go on a hunt for evergreens like pines, hemlock, rhododendrons, or wintergreen. Collect a leaf or group of needles to bring inside.
2. Put one piece of waxed paper on the table with the shiny side up- lay your leaf or needles on the waxed paper.
3. Roll your clay into a ball, then flatten your ball of clay over your leaf or needles.
4. Put the second piece of waxed paper on top of the clay, shiny side down- press and smooth the clay until you have a flat surface.
5. Flip over your clay and leaf/needles and gently pull the waxed paper and leaf/needles off of the clay.
6. How do you like your evergreen press? If you would like to try again, you can! Roll up your clay and repeat this process. You can try different kinds of evergreen leaves and needles or pine cones.
7. When you are satisfied with your evergreen press, use a toothpick or similar object to create a hole large enough for your string to fit through.
8. Let your evergreen press dry on the wax paper for 2-3 days.
9. Once dry, thread your evergreen press onto your yarn and display!

(10. You can paint it once it's dry if you want!)

We hope you enjoyed this activity! You can find more activities like this, plus additional information about local nature at our Nature Station events each month at Grey Rocks Conservation Area. Look for the next Nature Station and more events on our website: NewfoundLake.org/events.

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