How to Make a Nature Sun Catcher

Supplies: paper frame, 2 pieces of contact paper, nature materials (like leaves and flower petals)

Steps:

- 1. Get outside and gather items from nature to use in your sun catcher! Look for a variety of sizes, shapes, colors, and textures. Flatter things will work better than thicker things.
- 2. What did you find? What kind of design or picture can you make? Lay out your nature treasures in a variety of patterns and designs. What do you like the best?
- 3. Take a paper frame and one piece of contact paper. Contact paper is like a sticker. Peel the paper backing off one piece of contact paper and stick it to the frame so it covers the whole thing.
- 4. Now turn it over so that the sticky side is facing up. Stick your nature items to the sticky side of the contact paper in whatever pattern, design, or picture inspires you.
- 5. Take the second piece of contact paper and peel off the backing. You are going to place this over your nature items so the sticky sides stick together. Line it up so it covers the whole frame, just like on the first piece. Lay it down slowly (you might want someone to help with this part!) so that it presses down as smoothly as possible over your nature items.
- 6. Press down with your hands and smooth it out. Now hang it in a window! Take a close look at how the sun moves through the nature items in your sun catcher. What do you see?

Thanks for making a sun catcher with me! Maria Ricke www.mariaricke.com