

Pinecone Prep for crafts!

Pinecones make great craft supplies but you need to make sure there are no critters, mold or mildew in them before using. Here's how!



Instructions:

1. Gather pinecones when you're out for a walk. Just a few, not too many.
2. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper
3. Place pinecones on the baking sheet in a single layer.
4. Bake at 200 degrees for 90 minutes. This will kill any possible bugs (dead at 140°), mold (dead at 140°), mildew (cannot thrive above 115°) and anything else that may be growing in there!
5. Wood catches fire above 300°, so you don't have to constantly monitor the pine cones for fear of fire. But it is a good idea to check on them periodically.
6. Remove from oven, let cool completely, then craft away!