

Adders are Amazing! Gwiberod Gwych!

12. NATURAL ADDER ART

INTRODUCTION

A great way to get children and adults interested in their surroundings is to get them involved in natural art activities. This is sometimes taught as part of Forest School work, and is becoming ever more popular. Snakes lend themselves wonderfully to this as they are easy to create for all ages! If you are based near the woods, try clay tree adders. Near a sandy beach? Have a sand adder contest or get the whole group involved to create a giant adder sculpture! Or create an adder pattern out of plants and stones you find in whatever your surroundings – the possibilities are endless, so just look for what you can find, and get creating!

MATERIALS:

- The big outdoors!
- Some terracotta clay (if no natural clay is present in the soil)

DO IT!

1 To make tree adders, find a tree or log and push a handful of clay onto the surface. Use fingers to mould it in and smooth it, before using twigs to create an adder design on the surface. Or perhaps create a 3D model!

2 If you have access to a beach for activities, why not create a sand adder? Dig out and mound up the sand to create the body of the snake and then decorate with whatever you can find.

