



## Put Something In

By Shel Silverstein

Draw a crazy picture,  
Write a nutty poem,  
Sing a mumble-gumble song,  
Whistle through your comb.  
Do a loony-goony dance  
'Cross the kitchen floor,  
Put something silly in the world  
That ain't been there before.

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## Art and Nature

### 10 Ways to Make the Connection for Kids

- 1) Go on nature walk with your child and collect small objects along the way. Glue the objects to paper to make art with your child at home.
- 2) Trace the shapes of special rocks your child has found using crayons. Let your child paint the traced rock shapes with watercolors.
- 3) Let your child paint a pinecone using tempura paints.
- 4) Make a collage with your child using pictures of nature.
- 5) Bring watercolors, large paper, and a brush to a stream or lake. Ask your child to observe the scene and paint what they see.
- 6) Use acrylic paint to paint rocks or shells with your child. Put the rocks in your garden when they dry.
- 7) Let your child use safety scissors to snip some flowers and grasses from the yard. Help the make an arrangement in a jar or vase for the table.
- 8) Look for animals and birds outside. Together, use colored pencils to draw and color the animals you saw.
- 9) Make glue designs together on construction paper or cardboard. Sprinkle sand on the glue. Add sticks or shells too.
- 10) Help your child use your phone to take pictures of clouds, bugs, rocks, or flowers outside. Print the pictures and display them in his or her room.

