

Curiosity Cabinets



Materials

- Household items
- Nature from your backyard



30 minutes

Cabinets of curiosities, or "wonder rooms" were collections of objects which were brought back by explorers and acquired by the aristocracy and clergy of Europe. Men of science saw similarities between the "oddities," and developed categorizing and naming systems. Museums and the natural sciences emerged from the cabinets and the study of their objects. Now it's your turn to create your own curiosity cabinet!

Instructions

1. Find items around your house or backyard that you find interesting (some ideas include: shells, rocks, stuffed animals, etc.).
2. If any of the things that you chose seem similar, put those together.
3. Choose a place to display your curiosities, perhaps a bookshelf, desk, or table.
4. Label your items, so that everyone knows what you are displaying in your curiosity cabinet.
5. Take a picture, and share it, so that everyone can see what you've collected!

