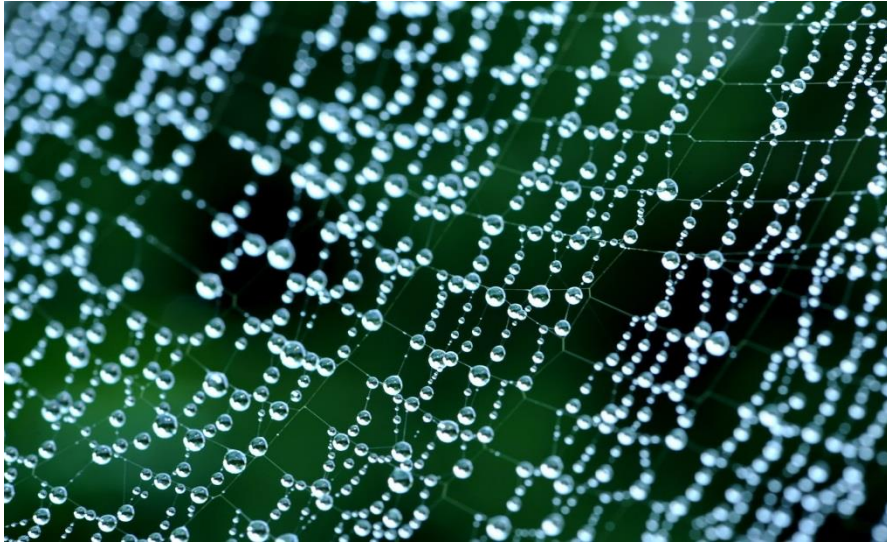


Pattern Play



Overview

Patterns exist all throughout the natural world. What repeated designs do you notice when you take a closer look? In this adventure, we'll play a game with patterns in the park!

Gear

- Magnifying Glass (optional)
- Camera (optional)

Step 1

Patterns are designs that repeat. Head over to the Woodland Pond area near the Japanese Maples and choose a plant with some leaves to explore. Look for a characteristic of the plant that repeats itself. Use your magnifying glass to look closely at the leaves and branches.

Step 2

Excellent! Now let's use your observation skills in a game. Find a small grassy area with room to explore.

Choose one adventurer to scout out a nature pattern. Everyone else should cover their eyes and count to 30. (Give the scout more or less time if they need it.)

Scout, are you ready? Find a pattern and observe it closely enough that you can describe it in detail to your teammates. If you have a camera, try taking a photo of your pattern to share.

Step 3

Once you've memorized your pattern, return to your teammates and share your description (and photo) with them. Encourage them to search the area to locate your pattern! Give hints to your teammates as they need them.

Found it? Great job! Time to swap roles. Choose a new scout to find a pattern, while the other adventurers close their eyes and count.

Keep playing until everyone has had a turn to be the scout.

Build on: *Gather some nature items and practice creating your own nature patterns!*

Take it home: What patterns can you find near your home?