

Framing Nature

Around Auckland Zoo we have lots of places where visitors can stop and take a moment to spend time appreciating the amazing animals in their habitats.

Most people take lots of photos of the animals while they are visiting too, so they can share their special memories with their whānau.

But what makes a good photo? Which photos would we choose to frame and put up around the house? Usually it is about how we felt in the moment when we took the photo - maybe we were all smiling because the otters were playing together or looking up in wonder because the orangutans were on the high ropes!

Instructions:

You can easily recreate this feeling of wonder while you are at home by making your own Nature Frame to help you look at the world around you. Follow our easy steps below to make your frame and then take some time to notice how amazing nature can be!

To make your nature frame you will need:

- Empty supermarket carton (cereal or snack bar box etc) or any recycled piece of cardboard
- Pen, pencil or marker
- Scissors
- Items to decorate (felts, crayons, paint) or natural items to stick on (leaves, flowers, seeds)



Step 1

Take your box and flatten it out, then draw your frame on the coloured side - it can be as large or as small as you would like.



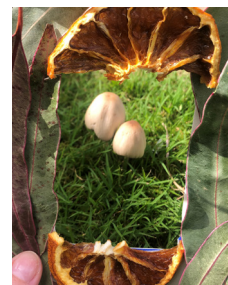
Step 2

You may need an adult's help for this step: Cut out the frame so you have a rectangle or square with a big empty space in the middle.



Step 3

Get creative and decorate your frame. You could draw, paint or even use natural items that you've collected!



Step 4

Head outside for a hikoi (walk) around your neighbourhood, into your backyard or simply look out of a window. Take a photo of your frame showing your discovery!

Here's some inspiration!

Go find a new thing in nature to frame and repeat! Feel free to share your beautiful snapshots with Auckland Zoo at [#createwithAucklandZoo](https://www.instagram.com/createwithAucklandZoo).