# Go On a Paint Chip Picture Walk

Here's a great way to help your child recognize colors, while also spending some quality time outdoors. This isn't your traditional nature walk—it includes a creative, scavenger hunt-style twist! He'll take photos of the scenic setting, with the goal of capturing images that correspond to pre-selected paint chip colors. When he's all done, he'll get a chance to show off his artistry by creating a paint chip scrapbook—complete with his original nature photos.

**What You Need:**

- Several paint sample cards from the paint department at your local hardware store
- Camera
- Notebook with blank pages or blank paper and a three-ring binder
- Glue stick
- Markers

**What You Do:**

1. Take your child to the paint department of a local hardware store, and let him pick out ten different paint chip cards. Steer him toward colors he is likely to find in the outdoors near your home.
2. Go to an area where you and your child can go for a walk along a hiking trail.
3. As you are walking through the area, encourage your child to look for items that match the colors on the paint chip cards. For example, if he has a green paint chip card, he may pick out some leaves he thinks match his green card.
4. Let him take a picture of the item he found that matched his paint chip card.
5. Help your child try to find something in nature to match each of the ten color sample cards your child picked out. If you can't find all ten, let your child know he still did a great job.
6. Print or develop the pictures your child took while out walking.
7. Give your child the pictures he took and the paint chip cards.
8. Explain to him how to make a scrapbook by gluing each paint chip card down on a page with the corresponding picture. If your child is writing, have him write the color at the top of the page in a marker of the same color. If your child is not writing yet, you can write the color at the top of the page.

If this is a project your child enjoys, you can go on future paint chip picture walks and keep adding pages to their scrapbook.

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