Mystery Boxes

Challenge your friends to discover—by touch only—what lies in your mystery boxes!

What You'll Need: Shoe boxes, tape, scissors, paper or fabric, nature objects, index cards, pen

1. For each mystery box, tape the lid onto a shoe box and cut a hole in one end large enough to put your hand through. Cover the hole with paper. Cut eight slits from one side of the paper to the other in a star shape, so that you can put your hand in but the hole will still be covered. Instead of cutting some paper, you could hang a small piece of fabric in front of the hole on the inside, forming a curtain.

2. Now put your mystery object inside the box. Remember that your friends trust you, so only use objects that won't harm them or make them feel bad in any way. Try shells, rocks, driftwood, leaves, twigs, or cones. Make up a riddle or a poem to go with each object. Write it on a card and put it on the box. Then decorate the box.

3. Let your friends put a hand through the hole and try to guess what the object is. After everyone has made a guess, let someone take the object out for all to see.