

# Bark Owl

This craft project is incredibly simple but also quite adorable, you can make them out of different kinds of tree bark but I found that the oak bark worked the best. There are four different kinds of oak trees that can be found while spending time with at Woodlands Trail, these could be a great chance to compare and contrast similar species with your children and give them the challenge after a few exposures to start identifying the species of the different oaks you see along your hikes.

## What you need

1. One piece of tree bark (Make sure that the bark has a “V” shape on one end or can easily be chipped to make one)
2. Glue
3. Pair of googly eyes
4. Marker
5. One magnet

## DIRECTIONS:

### Step 1.

First we will want to glue our magnet to the side of the bark that would have been against the tree since it is likely the less visually appealing side. This can dry as we do the next couple of steps on the other side so it is a time saver to do this step first!



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## Step 2.

Glue on the googly eyes about equally apart and closer to the bottom of the V than to the other end so that we can have room to mark the owl's beak and wings.



## Step 3.

Taking a marker that will contrast with the color of the bark (if using live oak I would recommend a red marker) draw a small "V" that lines up with the point of the "V" shape in the bark. This will be our owl's beak, and then we can draw two semi circles with the top thirds missing on both sides to indicate our owl's wings. Tada! Now you have a cute friend to put on the fridge to remind you of the fun hikes you've had as a family!

