

**Artist:** Suze Woolf

**Artwork:** Handmade “books” like *Bark Beetle Book Vol X: Encyclopedia Beetletainia*, featured in [Below the Bark: Artworks of Disturbance Ecology](#). On view at MAM from October 1, 2021, through February 26, 2022.

**Age range:** The whole family!

**Create:** A handmade book of rubbings inspired by **Suze Woolf’s work** using simple materials found in the home!

**Materials:** Several sheets of paper (thinner paper is good for rubbings). A pencil, colored pencil or crayon, some string or yarn and scissors. Whatever you can find is fine!



Suze Woolf, *Bark Beetle Book Vol X: Encyclopedia Beetletainia*, laser-cut and etched- black acrylic covers, wood pages with copper foil name plates and engraved tracks; wire-edge-bound with waxed linen thread; glass/lava/wood beads, courtesy and copyright the artist.

**Prompt:** Suze Woolf’s books are inspired by the tunnels carved in tree bark by bark beetles. Your book will be a collection of rubbings that you make from tree bark.

### Instructions:

1. First gather your paper (recycled is fine). Newspaper works great. You’ll just make your rubbings on top of the words. Any size is fine. Find a pencil or a colored pencil, or crayon.
2. To use bark to in your book, take your paper and pencil outdoors and find a tree or two that have interesting bark texture.
3. Place the paper over the bark and turn your pencil on its side. Lightly rub the side of the pencil lead over the bark to create a rubbing. If you are using crayons, you can peel the paper off the crayon and turn it on its side to rub.
4. When you have several rubbings done stack the papers and fold them in half to create a book shape.
5. Keep your book closed. Starting at the top of the spine of the book, draw a ruffly, wavy semicircle bowing out from the top of the spine and connecting at the bottom. Now using your scissors cut through all the sheets of paper along the wavy line.

6. Last step! Still keeping your book closed, use your pencil point or one end of the scissors to poke at least three holes along the spine for the binding: near the top, near the bottom and in the middle. Depending on how long your spine is you might need more holes. Weave the string or yarn through the holes and tie a knot. Your book is finished!

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