

# ACORNS EVERYWHERE



Look around your yard or neighborhood park in the fall. You may notice that squirrels and other animals are running around trying to find as much food as they can. They will bury the food they find, saving it for when it's too cold and snowy to find other things to eat. To make it through winter, squirrels need around 500 acorns to survive! Squirrels hiding acorns is a very important ecological process since squirrels will forget where some of their acorns are buried, and this allows for new oak trees to grow.

## Make an acorn

**Materials:** Construction paper, Glue, Scissors, Marker

**Directions:**

1. Pick the color for the acorn - try using brown or yellow. Draw the bottom half of an acorn and cut it out using scissors
2. Make eyes out of paper or use googly eyes. Glue them on the bottom half. Draw a nose and mouth with a marker.
3. Cut out the top of an acorn with brown construction paper, and add a fun design to the top of the acorn.
4. Glue the brown acorn top to the acorn bottom.
5. Cut out leaves in all different fall colors, and glue the leaves to the back of the acorn so they peek out the top. Let it dry.