



## **SIMPLE NATURE CRAFTS:**

### **Pinecone Fire Starter**

To wrap up our study of trees and forestry and in keeping with the winter season, this week our activity is to create beautiful pinecone fire starters.

#### **MATERIALS:**

- Pinecones
- Double Boiler or Crock Pot
- Wire
- Beeswax
- Epsom Salt, Sea Salt or other salt
- Raffia or Ribbon

#### **PROCEDURE:**

1. Melt the wax.
2. Hook the wire onto the pinecone so you can securely lower it into the melted wax.
3. After dipping, set the pinecone on a rack or other place to dry.
4. Dip the cone once again and immediately coat it with wax, different waxes will produce different colors of flame:
  - Epsom salts – white
  - Table salt – yellow
  - Salt substitutes – purple
  - Sea Salt? – this is an experiment
5. String the cone with raffia and combine with up to 4 others.