

One More Idea: Made From Living Things

REVEAL AT REVIEW

5 MIN

NO PREP

The point

“Human-made” is not the opposite of “living.” Here is one more idea: many made things are made **out of things that were once alive** — and some come straight from an **animal**. Wool is a sheep’s coat. Honey is made by bees. Silk is spun by a caterpillar. A pearl grows inside an oyster.

Do it

- 1 Hold up a made thing that came from a living creature — a wool sweater, a leather shoe, a jar of honey, a silk ribbon, a pearl button.
- 2 Ask: “**What living thing made this?**” Trace it back to the animal or plant.
- 3 Line them up: the made thing, then its living maker.

Say: “People shaped it — so it goes in the human-made box. But it came from a living thing. A made thing can carry a living beginning inside it.”



Fig. 1 — wool from a sheep, honey from bees, a pearl from an oyster, silk from a caterpillar

What to watch for

- The surprise: “This came from a **bee?! An oyster?!**”
- Kids starting to hunt their own clothes and kitchen for once-living materials

A PEEK AHEAD

EVERY ONE OF THESE MAKERS IS A **PLANT OR AN ANIMAL** — THE TWO GREAT KINGDOMS OF LIVING THINGS WE SORT NEXT.