



# Museum of Childhood

The V&A Museum of Childhood is the UK's National Museum of Childhood. It is the largest institution of its kind in the world. Its mission is to hold in trust the nation's childhood collections and to be an international leader in engaging audiences in the material culture and experiences of childhood.

## Make your own : Specimen Box

You will need:

- Natural objects (feathers, twigs, seeds etc.)
- Shoebox
- Small boxes and containers
- Paper
- Pens/pencils

*Please remember to wash or sanitise your hands after collecting your objects.*



**1.** Go to your garden or local park. Collect any interesting natural objects you can find.



**3.** Put your specimens in suitable boxes or containers and design labels for them.

## Inspired by the collection



This activity was inspired by this Education Specimen Box made in 1850, based on a scheme originally devised by the Swiss educational reformer Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi (1746-1827).



**2.** Label your specimens. Use the internet, or if you like, make up new names.



**4.** Arrange your specimens in your shoebox. Enjoy learning about the nature in your local area!