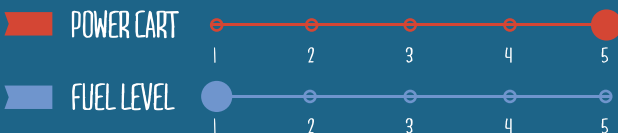


MISSION 

As we discovered in our first Quest, nature is filled with treasures. Treasures often come with more than what meets the eye. Take a close look to find patterns in nature from shape, size, texture, color and sounds. Simple to complex patterns can help a plant or animal attract or distract other animals or assist with movement of water, food or self. People are now looking to patterns in nature for solutions to building structures, means of communication and transportation. In this Quest, you will use your observation skills to identify patterns in nature.

- Complete the Quest.
- Venture on a hike or play in nature searching for more patterns.
- ? **How can the patterns you find be used in your adventures?**
- ? **What patterns could you replicate in your adventure?**
- ? **What special actions or powers does the pattern provide in nature?**

## TRACK YOUR PROGRESS



 Children  
& Nature  
Network

QUEST 

Material: A piece of dark cloth

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1

Scout your area for natural treasures. Collect a treasure. Small treasures on the ground are okay to collect.

2

Place the collected treasures on a table or the ground and cover them with a cloth.

3

Gather around your covered nature treasures. Each player takes turns reaching under the cloth feeling one item and trying to guess what the treasure is without looking.



**Did you guess right?**

**Was the treasure easy or hard to distinguish?**

**What made it hard or easy to distinguish from the other treasures?**

4

Reclaim your treasure. Try to find an exact copy-cat in nature.



**What is so unique about your treasure that makes it easy or hard to find AN exact duplicate?**

5

Use the Hidden Treasures Activation Cards to discover patterns in nature.

6

Select a pattern. (Shh, don't tell anyone the pattern you selected!)

7

Collect your building materials: sticks, rocks, seeds, or leaves.

8

Draw the pattern you observed in nature using your building materials.

9

Share your creation with another player who tries to guess what object the pattern mirrors.