Craft Stick Owl (nature and recycling craft)

Items you will need: piece of cardboard that you can easily cut into an owl shape, several twigs (as straight as you can find them) that can easily be cut or broken to the length needed, leaves of various shapes and sizes (either dried or fresh), small roundish shaped stones, glue, scissors  (optional: string for hanging)

***Before you start working on your craft, collect some twigs and rocks (small, roundish shaped ones) from outside. If using fresh leaves, collect them right before you will need them, otherwise collect your dry leaves. Set these materials aside to make sure they are dry.***

Step 1: Trace an owl shape onto your piece of cardboard (any size is fine) and cut it out.

Step 2: Glue the twigs you collected onto the cardboard owl shape. Use enough glue to make sure the sticks stay in place. Make sure that the glue is completely dry before you proceed to the next step, otherwise you might get frustrated when things don’t stay in place. I let mine dry overnight.

Step 3: Once the sticks are securely glued into place, take a scissor to cut off any ends that are sticking over the sides of the owl shape you cut. You can also try breaking off any ends, but MAKE SURE THE STICKS ARE SECURELY GLUED DOWN BEFORE YOU ATTEMPT CUTTING OR BREAKING OFF ANY THAT ARE HANGING OVER!!

Step 4: If you did not collect dried leaves, and are planning on using fresh leaves, collect them now. You will need some for wings, pupils, beak and any added decorations.

Step 5: Securely glue on the small, roundish stones for the eyes, and then securely glue on the leaves for the other features (pupils, wings, beak, and stomach decoration)

Step 5: Let your finished owl dry completely!!! Stones take a while to glue into place, so don’t try to rush things. Once everything is dry, you can add a hanger to the back, or lean the owl up on a window ledge.