

Rainforest Scavenger Hunt at Home!



MPM's famous *Rainforest* exhibit is the product of five years of research, design, and construction. In March 1986, a field expedition team of 15 MPM scientists and artists traveled to the rainforest of Costa Rica for two weeks of collecting and research which went into creating the exhibit.

There's another way to experience the world's rainforests, and it's right in your own home! **The rainforest gives us yummy food and lots of everyday products.** Use this scavenger hunt to see how many products in your own home are either from the rainforest or include elements from the rainforest.

Once you've circled everything you've found, sit down with your adult and think carefully about what your home life would be like without these things. **What does this tell us about how much we depend on rainforests? Why do we need to help keep the rainforests safe?**



In the Kitchen

Coconut	Lemon
Lime	Mango
Brazil nuts	Orange
Cashews	Allspice
Coffee	Cayenne red pepper
Papaya	Chili pepper
Beef	Chocolate
Tangerine	Cocoa
Black pepper	Cloves
Macadamia nuts	Ginger
Tapioca	Nutmeg
Tea	Paprika
Avocado	Turmeric
Banana	Vanilla
Grapefruit	Sugar
Guava	Pineapple

Around the Home

Varnish	Sandalwood
Printing ink	Insect repellent
Lacquer	African violet
Products with latex	Aluminum plant
Erasers	Christmas cactus
Foam rubber	Orchids
Tires	Bamboo
Patchouli	Rope
Rosewood	Burlap
	Gas

Did you know?

Plants from the rainforest also make up some of the medicines prescribed by doctors to keep people healthy. These prescriptions can be found in a pharmacy - no need to go looking for them at home!

Curare (muscle relaxant for surgery)

Ouabain (heart medication)

Quinine (malaria, pneumonia)

Emetine (bronchitis, dysentery)

Vincristine or Vinblastine (Hodgkin's Disease, leukemia, other cancers)