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## **ACTION: LICHENS, THE FOREST ARTISTS**

**When:** during the walk

**Type of action:** creative

**With whom:** individual

**Materials:** paper and pencil or color pencils

**Objectives:** to identify and observe carefully the form, color, and texture of lichens

**Topic:** Lichens

**Reminder:** Leave nothing but your tracks. You can keep the materials in your backpack.

Lichens are organisms that form through symbiosis between algae and fungi. They look like spots and, because of their resistance to extreme conditions, live on rocks, soil, tree barks, and leaves.

Can you recognize a lichen on a tree bark or a stone? Once you find one that really causes an impression on you, look at the details of its form, texture, and colors. Translate what you see into a drawing on a sheet of paper. What other forms or shapes does the lichen suggest? Think of as many creative shapes as you can.

