How to Make a Nature Placemat

Materials:
1. Contact paper
2. Construction paper (optional)
3. Scissors
4. Glue (if you need extra help getting stuff to stay)
5. Flat items collected from nature-flowers, petals, leaves, feathers, etc.
   **You can also do other non-nature themes like outlined in the video

Instructions:
1. Collect items from nature or from around the household if you're going for a non-nature theme. Make sure the items are flat so there aren't any large bumps!
2. Unroll contact paper, place construction paper on top and cut around it using scissors. *Don’t worry about cutting it perfectly, as you will have a chance to trim the edges at the end!

3. You’ll want to cut 2 pieces of contact paper—one to stick the construction paper to, and one to place over the top at the end.
4. Peel the paper back from the sticky side of the contact paper so that side is facing up, then place the construction paper on the sticky side.

5. Now you can start to deconstruct the materials you collected and arrange them however you want on the placemat (you can make patterns, color-themes, or different shapes, be creative!)
6. If necessary, you can glue down the items.
7. Peel paper back from the sticky side of the second piece of contact paper you cut and seal over the top of the decorated side.

8. Slowly smooth out the contact paper, to limit bubbles and creases. *You can also put some weights or heavy books on top for an hour or so to help keep it flat and sealed.
9. Congratulations, you now have your very own nature placemat!!
**You can also forgo the construction paper completely and just stick your items directly to the contact paper.**