

1 Tbsp. finely chopped chives  
salt and pepper, to taste

## Activity 3: Broccoli and Cauliflower Forest

### Materials:

- Butcher paper
- Crayons or colored pencils
- Images or coloring sheets of broccoli and cauliflower

1. Gather students in a group, and explain that we will be using broccoli and cauliflower to guide our own special story.
2. Ask what a piece of broccoli or cauliflower looks like- children should eventually arrive at comparing the florets to small trees. Roll out a sheet of butcher paper, which will serve as the canvas for your broccoli/cauliflower forest mural.
3. Either distribute pre-printed broccoli/cauliflower coloring sheets, or show students images as a reminder of what the florets look like. Have everyone color some images to be cut out and glued to the sheet, or draw them directly on the butcher paper. Once everyone has contributed, you should have a colorful broccoli/cauliflower forest.
4. Ask students what kinds of animals would live in a broccoli/cauliflower forest? Would other plants grow there? Encourage students to draw the wildlife of the broccoli/cauliflower forest on the mural. Write down ideas that are shared, and put together a short story about the magical forest.
5. Hang and display mural in classroom for the month, and share image and story with families.

**Educator Note:** You may alternatively use cut pieces of broccoli and cauliflower as stamps. Dip the flat/ cut side into washable paint, then press down firmly on paper to make a print.