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The New Zealand Nature Activity Book by Dave Gunson

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Dave Gunson is highly regarded as an author and illustrator of many educational books about New Zealand's wildlife. Through both his writing and artwork, he makes nature exciting for young readers.

His latest title, *The New Zealand Nature Activity Book*, is full of fun and fascinating facts. The book can be used both indoors and outdoors. There are things to make, science experiments, word puzzles and multiple-choice quizzes based on New Zealand's natural world. For readers who want to check their answers, the solutions are included in the back of the book.

Some of the projects include making a wind whizzer, a rainbow diorama, driftwood wind chimes, a jumping frog, and a giant centipede. Three spectacular science experiments are making a cloud, a working volcano, and a tornado in a jar. The front flap unfolds to make two colourful cardboard push-out masks, while the back flap makes a kingfisher and a dragonfly to hang from the ceiling.

The informative text is written in a relaxed style, with instructions easy to follow. Graphic guidelines clearly show how to construct the projects. The nearly A4 size publication allows for plenty of illustrations, room to write in answers, and spacious design.

This is a valuable resource for teachers, and an excellent gift for children who like to know about nature and enjoy creative projects.

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