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1. Use a kicknet to collect macroinvertebrates.

2. Have one person hold the net perpendicular to the flow of the water. The other person should disturb the rocks upstream of the net with their feet and hands.

3. Empty the net into a plastic pan either by dipping it into the water or by rinsing water over it.

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4. Observe and sort the macroinvertebrates.



5. Release the macroinvertebrates back into the stream.



6. Rinse the net with stream water.