



LEAF PRINTS

Use real leaves to make interesting leaf prints on paper.

Materials

- Real leaves
- Sketch paper or construction paper
- Any water-based paint
- Paint brushes
- Glitter (optional)

Steps

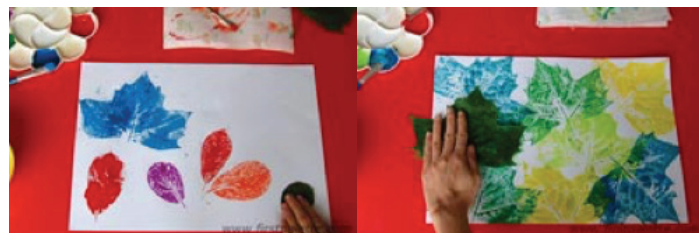
1. Collect leaves of various shapes and sizes.
2. Cover your work area with a mat or with newspapers. Prepare different colours of paint on your palette. Position a leaf with its under-side facing up and paint on its entire surface.



3. Press the painted leaf onto sketch paper or construction paper.
4. Remove the leaf to reveal a beautiful leaf print.



5. Repeat the process using different colours and other leaf shapes.
6. You may even try painting different colours on one leaf to create a rainbow-colored leaf print.



Make overlapping leaf prints to create a colorful leaf collage. Metallic leaf prints can be made by using gold, silver and metallic poster paint to paint the leaves. You can sprinkle some glitter on the leaf print while the paint is still wet.

Use leaf prints to create a Leaf Prints Tree.

http://www.firstpalette.com/Craft_themes/Nature/Leaf_Prints/Leaf_Prints.html

LEAF RUBBING



Autumn Leaf Art



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SNOOD Activities

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*Make a leaf maze
or a leaf labyrinth!*



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We experimented making leaf prints with markers and watercolours and different paper. The kids decided (and I agree) that the watercolours work best, paired with paper with a little “tooth” (texture).

This is something very simple you can do with your kids—even if your leaves don’t change colour at all!

1. Gather up some leaves.
2. Paint the leaves (we found water colour worked best but the markers also worked, especially if we sprayed them with a little water). Experiment...try painting the leaf the colours that it is in nature. Try painting it all one colour. Try non-realistic colours. And so on.

PAINTING WITH NATURE

Go outside and find all sorts of things you can use as a painting tool. Think leaves, conkers, berries or twigs. Once you’ve collected some things put a large piece of paper up on the trunk of a tree and get the kids to paint on the paper using the things you’ve found.

<http://crayonboxchronicles.com/2013/08/22/an-invitation-to-explore-paint-with-nature>



AUTUMN LEAF DOOR WREATH

Collect the brightest, healthiest leaves

You will need:

- Paper Plates
- Tacky Glue or Hot Glue Gun
- Lots of colourful Leaves from your yard
- Raffia Ribbon or Colourful Fabric Ribbon.
- Glitter, if you want to make it sparkle.

Poke a hole in the center of a paper plate, cut the center out, leaving only an outer ring. Glue the leaves around the plate in a colorful arrangement.



LEAF MOBILE IDEAS:

Glue colourful and different fabrics to both sides of several pieces of heavy paper. Cut out leaves from this. Tie a string on each leaf. Suspend the leaves from a small branch. Hang them where they might catch a breeze.

You can also make the mobile with leaves cut out of construction paper or found outdoors.

CLAY LEAF PRINTS

Use a rolling pin to flatten clay or DRYING TYPE dough. Lay a leaf on the clay & roll over it. Remove the leaf & let the clay dry. Paint the clay with fall colours of tempera.

“Air dry and bake recipes” - some recipes are available here: <http://www.kidactivities.net/category/Art-40-Play-Dough-Recipes.aspx>



FALL NATURE BRACELETS

Wrap a piece of masking tape (sticky side out) around each child’s wrist. Go on a nature walk and have children collect a leaf from each of several trees - sticking it on their leaf bracelet.

