

Kids
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Autumn 2024

Leaf art

When leaves turn beautiful colours and start falling from the trees we know winter is on its way. Be inspired by the colours you see in the leaves and create your own autumn artwork.

FUN FACT!

When the air cools down and it's time for a tree to drop its leaves, cells inside the leaf stem block the nutrients getting into the leaf which makes them lose their green colour and fall to the ground.

DID YOU KNOW?

Leaves need the carbon dioxide that we breathe out, and they put oxygen back into the air, which we need to breathe in.

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Use leaves with different shapes and textures to make A STUNNING WORK OF ART!

- 1 Collect autumn leaves.
- 2 Protect your table with newspaper.
- 3 Place a sheet of plain art paper on the newspaper, ready for your art work.
- 4 Lay a leaf on a paper towel or piece of scrap paper.
- 5 Use a paintbrush to cover the entire leaf with paint. You could use just one colour or two or three different colours.
- 6 Gently turn your leaf over onto your art paper, paint side down, and press gently with your hands, making sure the whole area of leaf touches the paper.
- 7 Gently peel the leaf off your paper and admire your handiwork!
- 8 Use different leaves and different colours to make your picture.
- 9 After your painting has dried you might decide to add another layer of leaf prints.

HINT: See what happens to your prints when you paint different sides of your leaves. Which side makes the most interesting print? Why is this?

Words to describe leaves

P	A	L	M	A	T	E	G	E	Q
D	N	U	O	P	M	O	C	T	S
I	E	Q	K	M	G	D	U	A	S
D	C	B	K	E	E	B	C	L	J
F	E	R	O	H	S	O	D	O	N
B	Q	L	T	L	R	G	I	E	D
L	B	O	T	D	S	D	S	C	D
N	O	K	A	A	E	A	V	N	U
T	F	T	W	V	T	N	O	A	T
P	E	L	V	P	D	E	H	L	C

