

Lots of Leaves! [Ages 5+]

Autumn is here and fallen leaves are everywhere!

Did you know that every tree has its own unique style of leaf? It's true! Leaves can have very different shapes, sizes, textures, and colours, and these differences can inspire us in our own artwork.

In this activity you will use fallen leaves to create a colourful autumn leaf collage!

You Will Need:

- White Paper
- Crayons and/or Pencil Crayons
- White Glue and/or Glue Stick
- Fallen Leaves
(See **Step 1** for how to find them!)



Step 1:

Go outside and search for different kinds of leaves. Try looking in your backyard, a park, the playground at school, a forest, or anywhere with lots of trees!

Tip:

Look for a place with lots of different kinds of trees. This will help you find lots of interesting and different kinds of leaves.

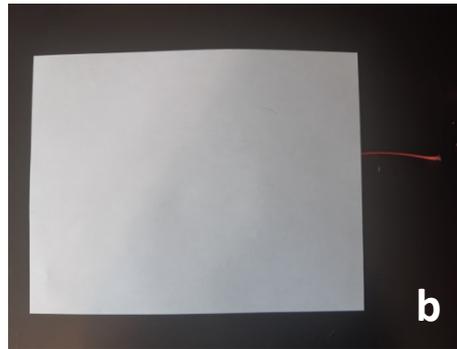
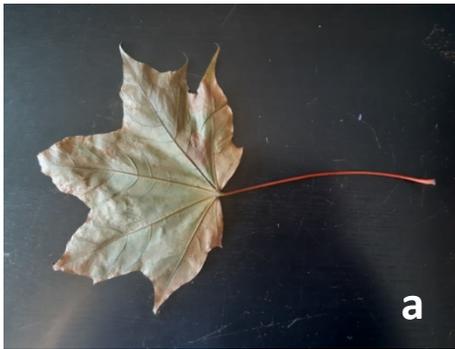
Maybe you will find some that look like these ones that we found in Del Cray Park:

When you have a collection of different leaves, head back inside!



Important! Be careful to leave nature the way you found it, for others to enjoy! Look on the ground for fallen leaves; don't take leaves off of trees where they are still growing.

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Step 2:

- Begin by choosing one leaf from your collection.
- Place it face-down on your flat work surface and then place your sheet of white paper over top of the leaf.
- Using one hand, hold the paper down, so that the leaf doesn't move underneath the paper. Then take a crayon or pencil crayon and begin to colour over top of the leaf.

You will begin to see the texture of the leaf appear like magic on the paper! This is a drawing technique called a **rubbing**. It's a great way to capture detail, texture, and patterns from different objects for your artwork.

Step 3:

Each leaf in your collection has a different shape and texture and will create its own unique rubbing!

For this step, choose a different leaf from your collection and pick a new colour to make a new rubbing. Continue this process until you have filled your sheet of paper and there is almost no white space left.

Tip:

As you make your new rubbings, experiment with different materials and colours by using both crayons and pencil crayons (if you have them) and by choosing interesting colour combinations.



Tip! If you would like to learn more about colour combinations, you can take a look at our September Family Sunday activity: *Colourful Characters!*

Step 5:

Finish your collage with a leaf border! Use the different leaves from your collection and create an interesting frame for your artwork.

Use white glue or a glue stick to attach your leaves your paper.



Step 6:

Take a look at your autumn leaf collage and share it with your friends and family!



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