

LEAF PRINTS

Nature Craft

Use leaves to print beautiful patterns for this simple nature art project.

You will need:

An assortment of thick, sturdy leaves

Thick tipped, washable markers

White paper

- Collect an assortment of leaves of varying shapes and sizes. Look for thick, sturdy leaves that will not tear easily when colored on. Try to find leaves with interesting vein patterns for more detailed prints.
- Using scrap paper or another type of placemat, color the entire back (side with the raised veins) of a leaf using a thick washable marker. Be sure to color all the way to the edges. Try using multiple colors on one leaf!
- Quickly, while the ink is wet, turn the leaf over and press it firmly to a piece of white paper. Hold it down firmly and press or rub all over the leaf to transfer the ink. Adults may need to help younger artists with this step.
- Continue coloring and pressing leaves until your artwork is complete!
- Create a leaf collage or draw around your prints to create a nature scene!

