

FALLING LEAVES

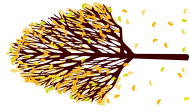


Leaf Impressions

Materials:

heavy white paper
watercolor paint
tempera paint
various leaves
black marker

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Teacher Input:

Talk with the children about why, in some parts of the world, leaves change color. You may also want to take a nature walk and collect the leaves needed for impressions at that time.

Procedure:

- 1) **Apply watercolor background.**
This may be done with brush or sponge - Let dry.
- 2) **Lightly dab or brush leaves with tempera paint.** It is important that you press that painted leaves onto your background **BEFORE** they dry. Press hard and remove promptly. Continue with other leaves and colors. Overlapping impressions look great. Let dry.
- 3) **Sign your masterpiece.** Sign at least $\frac{1}{2}$ " away from the paper edge with a black marker.

Watercolor Cut-Outs

Materials:

heavy white paper
white scrap paper
watercolor paints
scissors
pencils
glue
leaves or stencils of leaves
fine tip black marker

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Teacher Input:

Talk with the children about why, in some parts of the world, leaves change color. Discuss patterns that appear in nature and how the different leaves represent those patterns.

Procedure:

- 1) **Apply watercolor background.**
This may be done with brush or sponge. Set aside to dry.
- 2) **Draw or trace lightly, with pencil, leaf shapes onto the white scrap paper.**
Fill in the leaf shapes with watercolor paint. You may use either brushes or sponges to add texture. Let dry.
- 3) **Use black marker to trace the leaf shapes.**
You can also add the veins and stems at this time.
- 4) **Cut out your leaves and glue firmly to the watercolor background.**
It is helpful to lay out your leaves and check for the best placement before gluing.
- 5) **Sign your masterpiece.**
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Pastel Drawing

Materials:

black construction paper
pastels or oil crayons
pencils
pictures of a variety of leaves & plants

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Teacher Input:

Discuss leaf shapes and patterns. Talk about the different and reappearing shapes and patterns found in various leaves.

Procedure:

- 1) **Lightly draw, in pencil, leaf shapes directly onto the black construction paper.** (This may also be done by making impressions on the paper with an empty ballpoint pen.) Stress the visual impact of overlapping shapes and varying the sizes of shapes.
- 2) **Fill in the leaf shapes with color using the pastels or oil crayons.**
Make sure that students utilize bright colors. Talk about the importance of using contrasting colors. Cover all pencil lines - you will not want pencil lines to show on the finished artwork.
- 3) **Outline the leaf shapes with white pastel or oil crayon.** This will make leaves appear to have more dimension.
- 4) **Sign your masterpiece.** Sign at least $\frac{1}{2}$ " away from the paper edge with a white pastel or oil crayon.