

Art – Leaf rubbings

In this activity, I would like you to have a go at doing leaf rubbings.

These are really easy to do and can be really effective. To do the activity, you will need to go outside and find a few different leaves. Try and find leaves that are all different shape and size. It works best when the leaf is dry, so try not to choose a leaf that is too wet. All you need to do is go outside and find a few different leaves.



1 Collect leaves.

Collect leaves of various shapes and sizes. You can use fresh leaves or dried fallen ones.



2 Position a leaf.

Place a leaf with its bottom side facing up.



3 Place paper over the leaf.

Put a sheet of paper, preferably thin or lightweight, over the leaf.



4 Rub a crayon.

Rub the side of a crayon or an oil pastel gently on the area over the leaf. As you do this, you'll see the colored areas start to take the shape of the leaf.



5 Rub over the entire leaf.

Continue until you've rubbed over the entire leaf.



6 Remove the leaf.

Remove the leaf from under the paper. This completes the basic steps for making a leaf rubbing.



7 Make more leaf rubbings.

Make more leaf rubbings using other colors and different leaf shapes.



Overlap the leaf rubbings to create a stunning picture!

Here are some really good examples of leaf rubbing.



