

Leaf Rubbing Activities

Spring, summer or fall, leaves surround us. Have you ever admired the beauty of leaves up close? The different shapes and textures offer some terrific opportunities to create some fun artwork. Gather some leaves while you are on a walk and get ready for some fun!

Supplies needed:

Leaves

Crayons (old crayons work great for this!)

Paper

Foil

Gather leaves, as many different kinds as you would like. Fresher leaves work better than dried out leaves.

Gently rinse the leaves with water and blot dry with a dry paper towel, or wipe each leaf with a damp paper towel to remove any dirt or dust.

Place a leaf on the table, cover with sheet of paper. Choose a color and remove the paper in order to rub the crayon lengthwise over the leaf.

Life paper and remove leaf. Reposition the leaf to another place under the paper or select another leaf.

Replace paper, and rub with crayon, changing colors as desired. The veins and stems will be a darker color.

If desired, color the leaf outline with another color.

Other ideas:

Use a white crayon to create leaf rubbing on white paper. Add some color with watercolor paints for a special effect!

[Watercolor leaf prints](#)

[Foil leaf rubbings](#) – very pretty!