



Campbell Creek Science Center

Leaf Art

Leaves can be the building blocks for fun and beautiful art projects. Discover ways to be artistic with leaves and create your own leaf art.



Directions

Try one or more of these activities to make art with leaves:

Leaf Rubbing

1. Lay a leaf on a table or other hard surface.
2. Place your paper directly on top of it.
3. Lightly rub your colored pencil or crayon back and forth across your page over the leaf.
4. As you color, the outline of the leaf and its veins and stem should come through the paper.
5. Try it again with a new leaf on a different part of your paper. What differences do you notice?
6. Keep going! Fill in your entire paper with leaf rubbings. What sort of designs can you create?

Materials

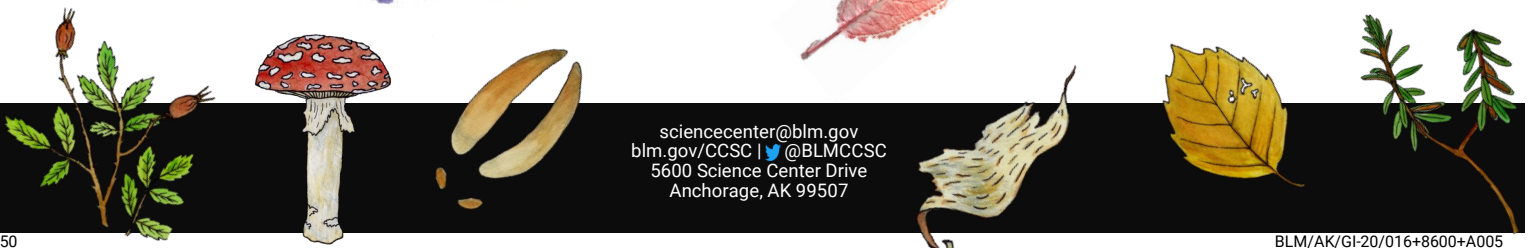
- A small collection of leaves you picked off the ground
- Paper
- Colored pencils or crayons
- Glue or tape

Questions

- How does nature spark your creativity?
- What do you observe about leaves as you create art with them?



*Remember to Leave No Trace.
Do not pick leaves off live plants.
Use leaves you find on the ground.*





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Leaf Sculpture

1. Collect a variety of fallen leaves from your neighborhood. Look for leaves with different shapes, sizes, and colors.
2. Lay your leaves down on a sheet of paper and arrange them into shapes. Can you create a creature, or a scene, or an abstract design with your leaves?
3. When you have created a shape or design you like, use glue or tape to attach the leaves to the paper. You can also take a photo of your finished art.
4. If you want, use crayons or colored pencils to fill in the space around the leaves to complete your scene.
5. Explore stacking and layering leaves to make your sculpture taller.



More Leaf Art Ideas!

How else can you use leaves to create artwork? Play around and create something new and different! Here are some ideas:

- Create leaf art outside for others to enjoy.
- Take photographs of leaves on the ground or hanging from branches.
- Brush a light layer of paint onto one of the leaves you found. Then, press the painted surface onto the paper. Carefully lift off the leaf. Repeat to create a pattern. You might also change leaves and paint colors.

