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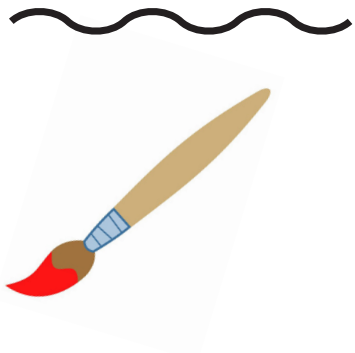


Make A Falling Leaves Mural

Use fall leaves to create a mural or wrapping paper.

Materials

◆ Large pieces of non-glossy white paper

◆ Masking or painter's tape that's easy to peel off surfaces

◆ An assortment of fallen leaves of different shapes and sizes

◆ Water colors, food coloring, or natural dyes

◆ Recycled containers for dyes/paints

◆ Paintbrushes

◆ Crayons

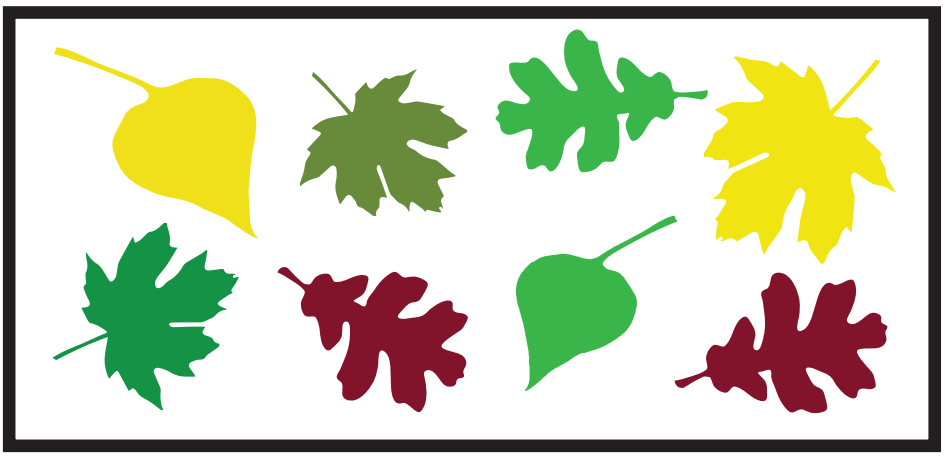
*Adult help may be needed on steps with **

1) Go on a neighborhood walk and pick up some fallen autumn leaves. They can be colorful, but they don't have to be!

2) Tape your paper down on a flat surface — no grooves or bumps. Use a giant piece to make a wall mural, or a small one for wrapping paper or a simple picture.

2) Arrange your leaves on the paper in a nice design with their veins facing up.

3) Cover your leaves with another piece of paper the same size as the one below. Tape it over the bottom paper and onto the work surface so it won't move around.



4) Rub different colored crayons over the leaves until you can see each entire leaf on the paper.

*5) Get your paints ready. Either mix water and food coloring to create paints, get out some water color paints, or prepare some natural dyes.

6) Paint over your leaf picture. Do the crayon rubbings "pop" out on the painted background? (Note: Be careful with food coloring and natural dyes since these can stain floors and fabrics.)

7) Allow your creation to air dry and then hang it on a wall or use it for gift wrap!

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