



This activity sheet is to give you a few ideas of projects you can do with leaves. The leaves could come from a park, your garden, a houseplant or even from some flowers you've been brought. Each activity can be done using just a couple of pieces of paper and some pencils or pens or scissors and glue if you're feeling adventurous!

Observe Pick your favourite leaf and look very closely at it's shape. Roughly draw in its outline and overall shape. Now look even more closely at the details down to its veins and any bits that have broken off or worn away. Try to capture all of them, carefully drawing in their shape and shading in the tones.



drawing



rubbing

Rubbing Take a thin piece of paper such as printer paper and place it on top of one of the leaves. With a pencil used on the side of the lead, shade over the paper above the the leaf, leaning on it gently to create the image of the leaf. This could then be cut out and combined with other rubbings to make a collage or kept as it is.

Collage Cut up some of the leaves into thin strips and see if you can stick them to your paper in the shape of a tree or a completely abstract image. For the tree, add a thicker strip for the trunk and then a series of interconnected thinner strips to make the branches. This could be as simple as detailed as you want to make it.



abstract collage



tree collage

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