

# LEAF PRINTING

## For this activity you will need:

- Different sized leaves
- Paints
- Paper
- Paint brushes
- Paint palette/plates
- Splash mat or newspaper



## What is the learning in this activity?

**Ages:** 2-8yrs

**Purpose:** Get outside for a nature walk then make some beautiful leaf printing art using the leaves collected. So simple and effective, and a wonderful activity to do together!

## Let's play!

1. Collect leaves of various shapes and sizes. Both fresh and fallen leaves will work for this craft.
2. Cover your work area with a mat or with newspapers. Prepare different colours of paint on your palette/plates.
3. Take one leaf. Paint the entire surface of the leaf.
4. Carefully place the leaf, painted side down, on your paper. Press firmly all over to transfer the paint from the leaf to the paper.
5. Remove the leaf to reveal a leaf print.
6. Repeat the process using different colours and other leaf shapes. Once you're happy with how your picture looks, allow the paint to dry completely.



## Let's talk..

**Qs** -"I wonder why laves fall to the ground?"; "I wonder why the leaves change colour?"; I wonder what will happen if I mix red & yellow paint?"

**Extension** - Make a leaf print tree or try printing with different items collected such as sticks, flowers, gumnuts & seed pods.

*We'd love to see your creations and home based play.*

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