

Art Exploration

LEAF PRINTS



Create a colorful print that celebrates the colors of the season!

Materials Provided:

Leaf Template
Black Construction Paper

Materials Needed:

Chalk or pastels
Q-Tip
Tape

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This project creates eye-catching prints using chalk or pastels. To begin, tape your leaf template onto the center of your black construction paper. Painter's tape works best, but any tape will do. Make double-sided loops to hide the tape beneath your template.
2. Choose your pastel colors. Select reds, oranges, golds, greens and purples to match the leaves outside. Then, trace around the leaf template on your paper.

Please note: pastels are fun, but they can make a mess! Have some paper towels handy. You might have to blow away the dust as you go.



3. Use the pastels to trace around your leaf. Change colors as often as you like, to create a rainbow effect. Thick lines will give you the best results.



4. Using your first 1 or 2 fingers, smudge around your drawing in an outward motion. You don't want to smudge back and forth, but in one direction only. Move your fingers out and away from the leaf. *If you don't want to use your fingers, a Q-tip will work.*



If a lot of dust is created by the smudging, try carefully taking the paper outside and blowing off the excess. If you can't do this, using a damp paper towel to wipe up the dust on your work surface will also work.

5. Once you've finished smudging, carefully remove your leaf template, and blow off any excess dust outside. If there is a lot of dust on the inside of your leaf, try using a Q-tip or eraser to clean up.



That's it! Love this project? Try making stencils from other shaped leaves, or even sunflowers or trees. The results are always stunning. This project was provided by www.projectswithkids.com. Visit their website for craft ideas!