

Leaf Art

Discover the beauty of nature and art through leaves.

WHAT WILL I NEED?

- White copy paper
- Unwrapped Crayons
- Collected Leaves



WHERE SHOULD I GO?

This activity starts outside, then will end at a crafty outside space or table inside.

PARENTS CORNER

This activity requires campers to collect leaves from outside. Leaves can be collected ahead of time if rain is predicted.

WHAT DO I ALREADY KNOW?

1. What do I know about leaves?
2. What helps the leaf outline show up on your paper so well?
3. What plants currently live in my area?
4. What plants are native to my state/county?



INSTRUCTIONS

Leaf Rubbing Collage

Leaves can be collected ahead of time. They must be entirely dry for this activity.

1. Place 1 leaf at a time under a sheet of copy paper.
2. Take an unwrapped crayon and rub the crayon onto the paper above the leaf.
3. Switch colors and change leaves when desired.

How this works:

The veins and strong cell walls in the leaf provide support to the leaf. When you put paper on top and shade over it, you can discover the fine details of that leaf. Veins help transport water through the leaf. Later you can compare it to online images to try and determine what type of tree it came from.
(Get parent permission before searching online.)



INSTRUCTIONS (continued)

Leaf Rubbing Plus Watercolor Paint

- When shading, use a WHITE crayon only.
- Using watercolor, use your favorite colors to paint over the entire page.
 - The wax from the white crayon will resist the water (color) from the paint giving reverse images.
 - You will end up with a colorful background surrounding white leaf outlines.



WHAT DID I LEARN?

1. Which Leaves made the best patterns?
2. Are there other items in nature you could use for this?



GREAT JOB!

WANT TO SHARE YOUR GREAT WORK?

Have your parents upload all of your fabulous work to their Facebook or Instagram Pages and tag @GSMIDTN so all of your Girl Scout sisters can see too!

