



Leaf Rubbings

This activity is appropriate for all ages.

Materials:

- Leaf
- White typing paper
- Crayons (without paper wrapping; darker colors work best)

Instructions:

1. Find a leaf.
 2. Take a minute to examine the leaf.
What does the leaf smell like?
Can you find the tree the leaf came from?
Describe the tree.
Feel the leaf. Is it fresh or has it been on the ground awhile?
 3. Place the leaf on a hard surface with the 'rough' side facing up.
 4. Place the piece of paper on top of the leaf.
 5. Rub the crayon over the leaf until you can see an image.
(Younger children may not understand how this works. Take a minute to show them the texture of the leaf.)
- Use different leaf shapes and colors to bring out the true artists!

