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# Autumn Leaf Art

Four seasonal craft activities

## Activity 1: Leaf Rubbings

1. Collect fresh autumn leaves — the more textured the better.
2. Place a leaf vein-side UP on the table.
3. Place a sheet of thin white paper on top.
4. Rub the side of a wax crayon over the paper.
5. The veins and edges of the leaf appear as a pattern.
6. Try using different colours for the same leaf — what do you notice?

Great for: observational drawing, texture exploration, colour mixing

## Activity 2: Leaf Printing

1. Paint one side of a leaf with a thick layer of paint.
2. Press the painted side firmly down onto white paper.
3. Lift carefully to reveal the print.
4. Repeat with different leaves and colours to make a pattern or scene.
5. Allow to dry before adding detail with fine pens.

Great for: pattern, symmetry, printmaking techniques

## Activity 3: Leaf Collage Tree

1. Draw or paint a bare tree trunk and branches onto A3 paper.
2. Collect real dried leaves, or cut leaf shapes from red, orange, gold, and brown paper.
3. Glue leaves around the branches to create a full autumn tree.



4. Add detail with felt-tip pens — veins, bark texture, background sky.

Great for: seasonal art, colour theory (warm colours), composition

### **Activity 4: Observational Drawing**

1. Collect one leaf per pupil. Look closely — don't draw from memory.

2. Look at the outline first. Sketch very lightly.

3. Now look at the veins. Add them in.

4. Add shading and colour using pencil or watercolour.

5. Label: type of tree (if known), leaf size, any special features.

Great for: scientific observation, fine motor skills, careful looking

