

Outdoor Art Activities - Take One Leaf



Leaf Threading

Find a good sized leaf and use a hole punch to make holes around the edge of it. Then choose some coloured wool or string to thread in and out around the edge. You may want to create some more intricate designs if you're feeling brave!

Design a pixie or fairy costume

For this task you need to use your imagination! Look closely at your leaf – could you turn it into some clothes for an elf or a fairy? Would it make a good skirt, dress, jacket, trousers, hat? Place the leaf on your paper and work around it to create your pixie or fairy. Or you could do it the other way – draw your character and then clothe it!



Leaf Printing

Take a strip of paper and some paints outside and have a go at making a repeating pattern using your leaf to print. It helps if you brush the paint on the leaf before printing so you can control the amount that's used.



Leaf Rubbings (crayons and watercolours)

Place your leaf under a piece of paper and using the side of a peeled wax crayon rub over it. You should see the shape of the leaf and its veins appear. Once you are happy with your rubbing it is time to wash over it with some watercolours! Choose a colour to paint your leaf – you should see the wax resist the paint so the leaf lines will still be visible. Then choose a contrasting colour to paint your background.



Turn your leaf into a character



Leaf Line Drawing

Look really, really closely at a leaf. What do you notice. What can you see. Focus on all the little details and draw. Draw using your eyes and not your memory!

