



## MAKING LEAF PRINTS

As the leaves begin to fall, use them to make colorful, original artwork. Leaf prints are a great craft for children of all ages. This craft is courtesy of the National Wildlife Federation.

### Materials

- Leaves
- Sponge
- Ink (or washable paint, for younger children)
- 2 sheets of newspaper
- White paper



### Instructions

1. Collect several fallen leaves and find the bumpier side; this will be the side that you will apply the ink or paint to.
2. Using a sponge, apply ink or paint evenly across the back of the leaf.
3. Place a white sheet of paper on some newspaper and press the painted side of your leaf onto the paper.
4. Cover with newspaper and hold for a few seconds. Then carefully lift the newspaper, remove the leaf and see what kind of print you created.