

FIG at Home

LEAF RUBBINGS

Spring is here and things are blooming. Take a walk around your neighborhood and gather leaves to create the colorful work of nature art.

MATERIALS

- Leaves
- Crayons
- Thin paper - like printer paper

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Take a walk around your neighborhood and gather leaves and other natural material. Observe and talk about the wide variety of leaf shapes and sizes with your child.
2. Place leaves under the paper, with the bumpier side of the leaf up.
3. Use crayons (they work best if they are on their sides with the wraps off) to rub the paper and make the leaf appear.
4. Other options:
 - a. Trial and error: talk about which side of the leaf rubs best. Why?
 - b. Size comparison: bigger vs. smaller
 - c. Shapes: <http://www.leaf-id.com/>
5. We made the pictured crayons by melting our leftover crayon bits in a silicon mold in an oven. This was an easy way to reuse all our broken crayon pieces we had at the FIG.



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