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LEAF PRINT CARDS

Make these easy leaf print cards to send to someone you love in this time of physical distancing.

MATERIALS

- Washable paints
- Blank cards or cardstock paper
- Newspaper or tray
- Collected leaves from around your yard or neighborhood
- Paintbrushes



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Take a walk around your yard or neighborhood and collect leaves. Leaves with ridges and texture on the back work best.
2. To make a card, cut a piece of printer size card-stock paper in half. It will measure 5.5" x 8.5." Fold this in half. You can also experiment with other sizes. Maybe you want to make a giant card or a teeny tiny one. Whatever size you decide, or if you are using blank pre-made cards, make sure your leaves will fit on the paper before covering them with paint.
3. On a tray or piece of extra paper, flip your leaves upside down so the ridges are facing up.
4. Paint the bumpy side of the leaf completely.
5. Carefully pick up your leaf and press it, paint side down, onto your card.
6. Firmly press the leaf onto the paper, pressing from the stem out to the edges of the leaf.
7. Lift up your leaf to reveal your leaf print!
8. You can print more leaves on the same paper but we suggest letting the first print dry before adding more.
9. Let your card(s) dry completely before writing a nice letter.
10. If you need an envelope for your beautiful creation, you can find a simple tutorial here: <https://bit.ly/3eTjaCl>

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