

# Animal Leaf Art



One of the great things about this activity is its flexibility of scale. Each individual can make their own leaf art, or there can be a more collaborative approach to the activity, making one large piece that will have real visual impact. The only limit is your imagination!



## What you may need

- A4 paper or card or a larger base such as lining paper, A3 paper or even a large wooden board could be used.
- Consider using one of our templates, make your own or go freestyle!
- Adhesive – smaller leaves can be stuck with PVA glue, larger ones may need something stronger such as superglue.
- Paintbrushes or glue spreaders
- Selection of leaves
- Coloured pencils

## Benefits

- This is a good activity to encourage walking whilst collecting the leaves
- Placing the leaves will encourage creative and cognitive skills. It relies on making judgements about colour, size and texture.
- Working together to produce a large piece of work encourages social interaction and relationship building.

## Things to remember

- Ensure that people can easily reach the base to your collage without having to stretch too far as this can lead to over-balancing.
- Consider using PVA glue. If you do decide to use superglue then do exercise caution as it is highly adhesive
- Autumn leaves provide a rich array of colours for a collage, and this is a great time of year to conduct this type of activity.



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# How to



- Before you begin, decide what size your artwork will be and where it will be displayed. Adjust the size of your paper or base material accordingly. Above is an example of leaf art design that can be done individually or as a group. Why not download one of our templates or allow imaginations to run free!
- Dip paintbrushes or glue spreaders into the PVA glue and spread evenly across the shape of your animal.
- Stick the leaves on to the glue.
- Allow to dry before adding any other details such as eyes, nose, whiskers etc with coloured pencils.
- Be inspired by some of the ideas here and enjoy getting outdoors!



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